Romance

The Spanish Duke's Virgin Bride

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Shojo Manhwa Scans

I MUST MEET WITH DUKE HERRERA, AT LION'S CASTLE...
Grace Brosefford 25 years old
Andalucia, Spain
Lion's castle

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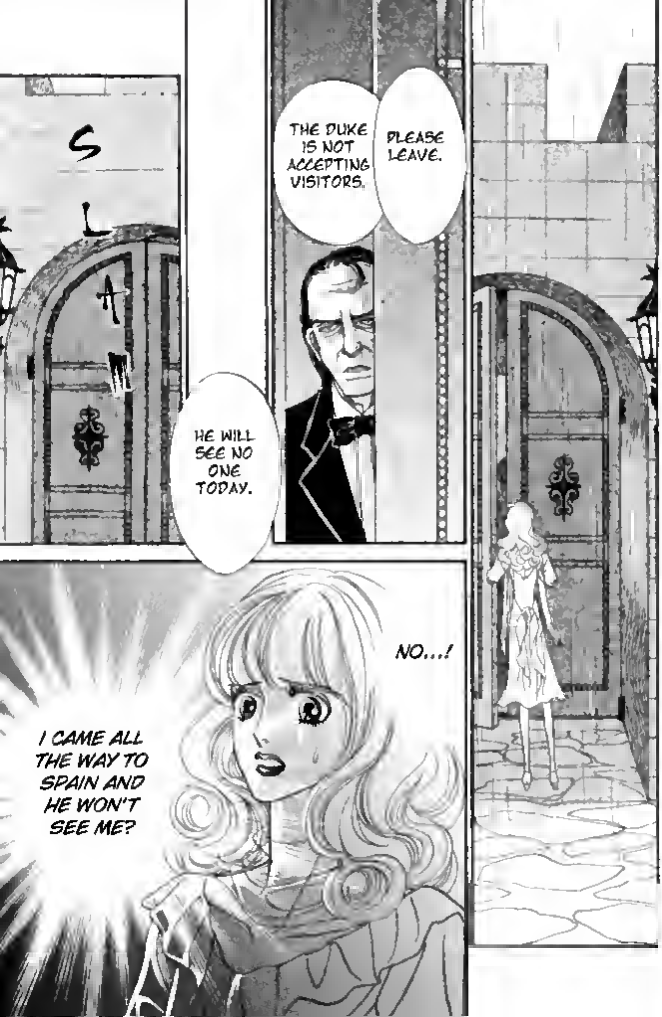
無垢な公爵夫人

「K. SHIMOTO-KEIKO」
岸本景子
「原作／シャンテル・ショー」

HE CAN'T POSSIBLY GO ON TRIAL!
I HAVE TO SPEAK TO THE DUKE, THE PRESIDENT IF HERRERA BANK, TO SETTLE THIS OUT OF COURT
MY DAD WAS THE MANAGER OF THE HERRERA BANK'S BRITISH BRANCH...
BUT HE EMBEZZLED MONEY FROM THE BANK...
NOW HE SUFFERS FROM DEPRESSION...
GRACE ....
I CAN'T ...
FIND YOUR MOM ANY-WHERE
IT WAS TO PAY FOR MY SICK MOTHER'S MEDICAL CARE...
BUT MOM DIED ANYWAY...


THE DUKE IS NOT ACCEPTING VISITORS.
PLEASE LEAVE.
HE WILL SEE NO ONE TODAY.
NO...!
I CAME ALL THE WAY TO SPAIN AND HE WON'T SEE ME?

YOU MUST BE KIDDING, RAMON!
THIS IS NO JOKE
IT IS YOUR GRANDPATH -ER CARLOS'S WILL
Ramon Aguilar, Lawyer
!!
IF YOU DON'T MARRY BY YOUR 36TH BIRTHDAY IN TWO MONTHS
THE HERRERA BANK WILL BE PASSED ON TO YOUR COUSIN LORENZO
Duke Javier Alexandro Diego Herrera

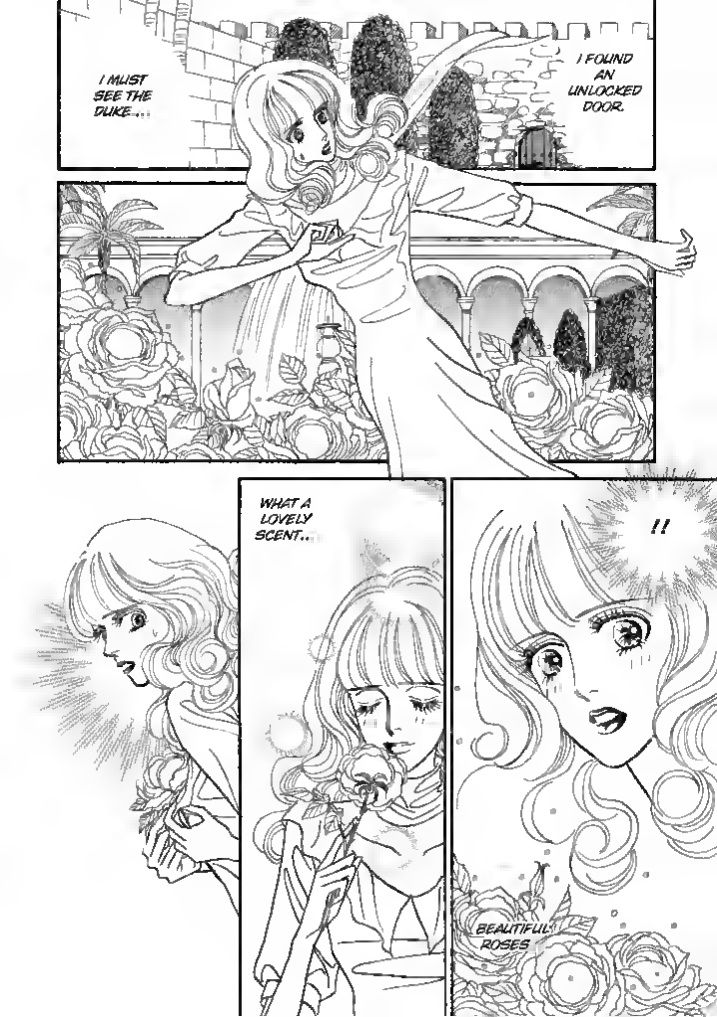
WHY!
I....
HAVE THE RIGHT TO INHERIT. I ALREADY INHERITED THE TITLE OF DUKE AFTER MY GRANDFATHER PASSED AWAY
...I HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO TAKE OVER THE BANK SINCE I WAS 8
HOW COULD LORENZO BE MORE SUITABLE AS A CEO OF THE BANK?
LORENZO'S AN EARNEST MAN WHO HAS SETTLED DOWN. HE HAS A FAMILY
SO?
THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT YOUR APPEARANCES IN MAGAZINES WITH NUMEROUS WOMEN

ALTHOUGH WE DID SPEND A PASSIONATE BUT LOVELESS NIGHT TOGETHER...
SHE'S JUST A DATE.
APPOINTING ANGUS BERESFORD AS MANAGER OF THE BRITISH BANK WAS A MISTAKE.
THEY BLAME YOUR AFFAIRS ON THE ERRORS YOU'VE BEEN MAKING
WOMEN DO NOT AFFECT ME
I'M TAKING CARE OF THAT.
BEING BROUGHT UP BY A WORTHLESS GYPSY MOTHER...
BUT THAT IS IRRELEVANT
THAT WAS...
!!
THE FIRST TIME I MISJUDGED SOMEONE
HOW COULD THAT SENSIBLE MAN EMBEZZLE?

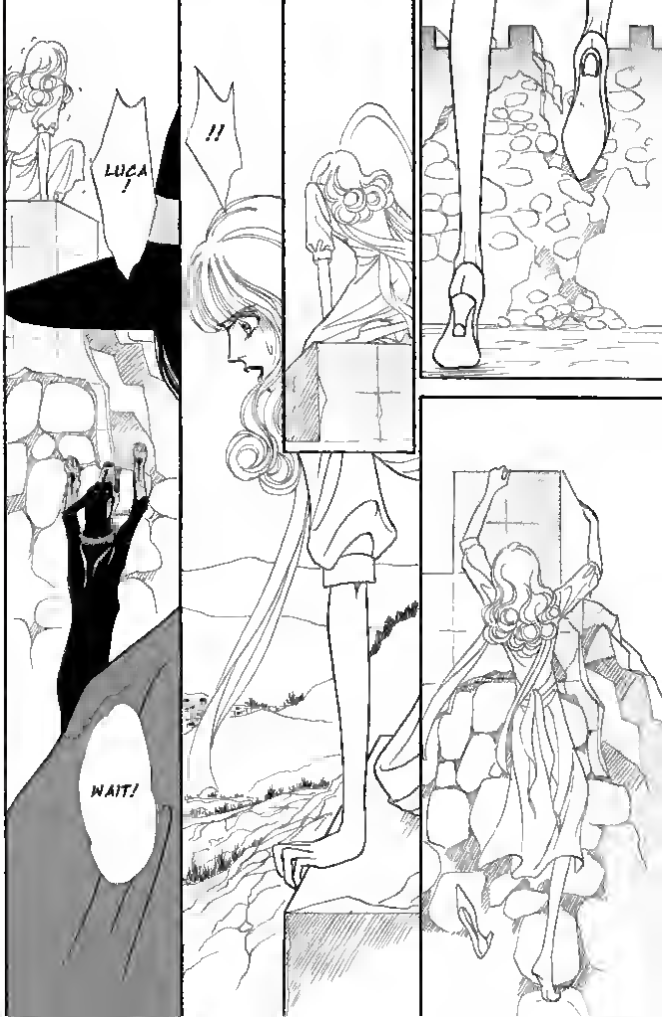
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY
CARLOS WANTED YOU TO SETTLE DOWN,
WITH LUCITA,
LUCITA, THAT 17 YEAR OLD
DAUGHTER OF VASQUES BANK'S ELDERLY CEO
HOW COULD MY GRANDFATH -ER EXPECT ME TO MARRY?
SO MY GRANDFA THER MADE THAT WILL THAT WOULD
FORCE ME TO MARRY LUCITA
MERGING TWO OF SPAIN'S BIGGEST BANKS...
IS ATTRACTIVE BUT MIGUEL WAS GRANDFATHER'S BEST FRIEND
HE WILL CONTROL ME LIKE GRANDFAT HER DID IF I MARRY LUCITA.

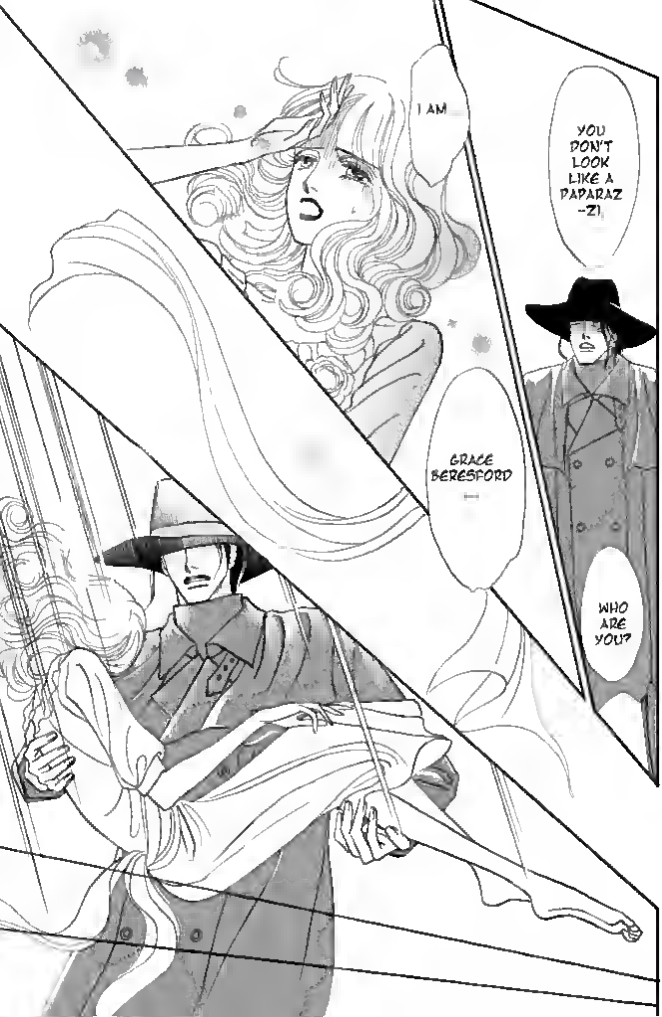
MY SLY GRANDFATHER!
HE WANTS TO CONTROL ME EVEN AFTER HIS DEATH!
I WILL DO ANYTHING TO REFORM THIS BANK!
WE NEED TO CHANGE THE OLD-FASHION WAYS OF MY GRAND FATHER, OR THIS BANK WON'T SURVIVE!
A YEAR!
!
AFTER ONE YEAR,
YOU WILL OFFICIALLY INHERIT ALL THE RIGHTS TO THE BANK

DUKE JAVIER HERRERA
A CALLOUS LORD HAD RULED THIS CASTLE FOR GENERATIONS...
THE LORD OF LION'S CASTLE
A DEFENSIVE AND LONELY LION...
WOULD A BRIDE JOINING THIS HOUSEHOLD EVER BE HAPPY?


I MUST SEE THE DUKE...
I FOUND AN UNLOCKED DOOR.
WHAT A LOVELY SCENT...
!!
BEAUTIFUL ROSES

WOOF
OH..
GROWL
NO!
HE UNLEASHED A DOG ON ME
DASH

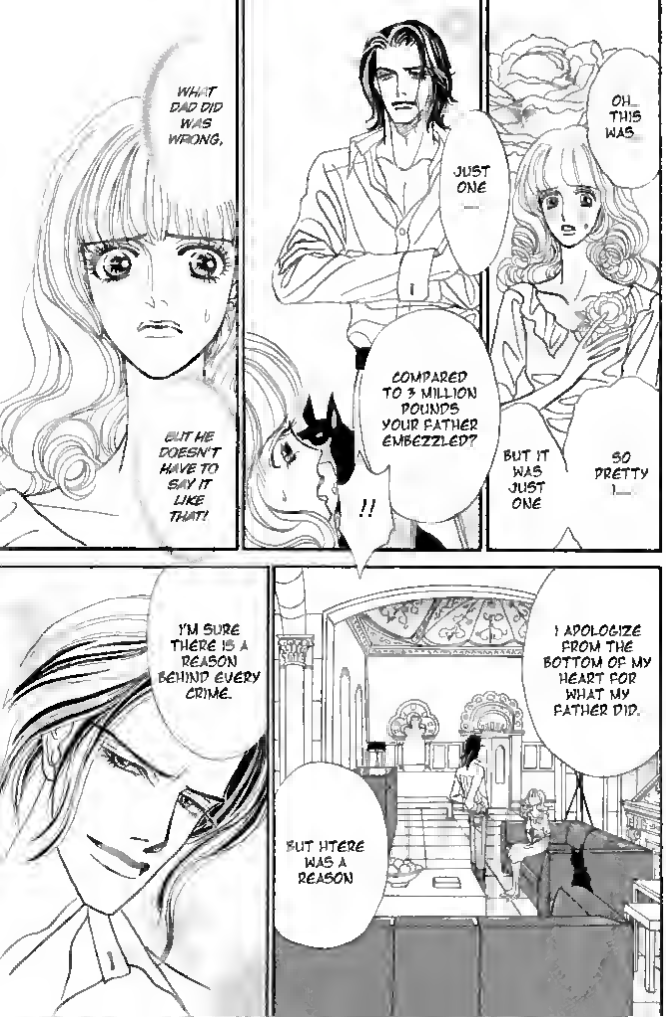

LUCA!
!!
WAIT!


I AM
GRACE BERESFORD
—
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A PAPARAZ-ZI
WHO ARE YOU?

WHERE ...?
BERESFOR-D?
YOU'RE THE DAUGHTER OF ANGUS BERESFORD!

HE...
YOU ARE
I COULDN'T TELL FROM HIS PICTURES...
THAT HE HAD SUCH PIERCING, FLAMING EYES...
FEELS SO DANGER -OUS
I'VE NEVER MET SOMEONE SO SEXY...
DUKE HERRERA?

THE DAUGHTER OF A THIEF IS A THIEF TOO, HUH?
AND TRESSPASSING!
A THIEF?
THIS.


OH... THIS WAS
SO PRETTY)...
BUT IT WAS JUST ONE
JUST ONE ...
COMPARED TO 3 MILLION POUNDS YOUR FATHER EMBEZZLED?
!!
WHAT DAD DID WAS WRONG,
BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE TO SAY IT LIKE THAT!
I APOLOGIZE FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR WHAT MY FATHER DID.
BUT HTERE WAS A REASON
I'M SURE THERE IS A REASON BEHIND EVERY CRIME.

ANGUS GOT INTO DEBT FROM GAMBLING ON THE INTERNET
GETTING HOOKED AFTER A FEW WINNINGS,
YOU LIVED IN A MANSION SURROUNDED BY LUXURY,
!!
WITH MONEY YOUR FATHER STOLE!
YOU OPENED AN ANTIQUE SHOP WITH YOUR FATHER'S HELP
PLEASE UNDER-STAND
HIS LOVE FOR MY MOTHER DROVE HIM
IT WAS ALL FOR MY SICK MOTHERS MEDICAL CARE.
HOW WILL YOU PROVE THAT YOU WEREN'T INVOLVED?

THAT'S WHY
I FEEL SO BITTER
I DIDN'T REALIZE WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM, MY FATHER WAS SUFFERING ON HIS OWN
I'LL SPEND MY LIFE-- TIME REDAY -ING YOU
PLEASE STOP THE COURT CASE!
CAN'T WE SETTLE OUT OF COURT?
I'LL DO ANYTHING!
DO YOU
HAVE NO COMPA- SSION?
IF IT'S AN EXTENUATING CIRCUM- STANCE, TALK TO THE JUDGE
IF YOU WON'T LEAVE, MY BUTLER WILL CALL THE POLICE.
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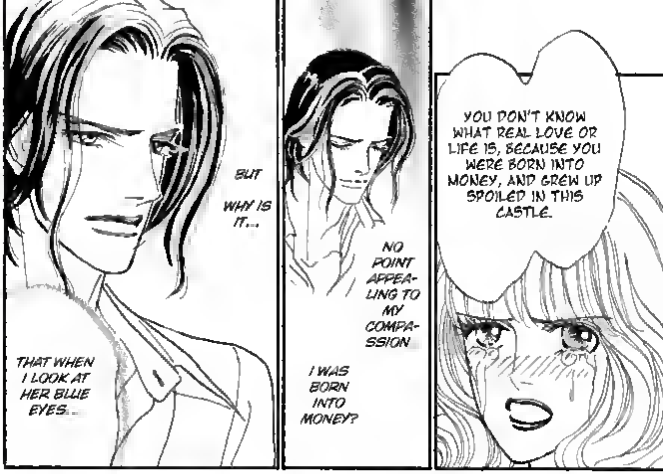
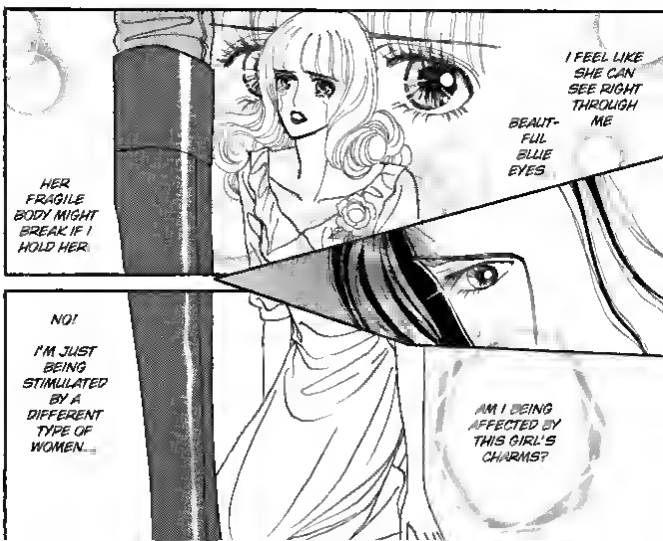
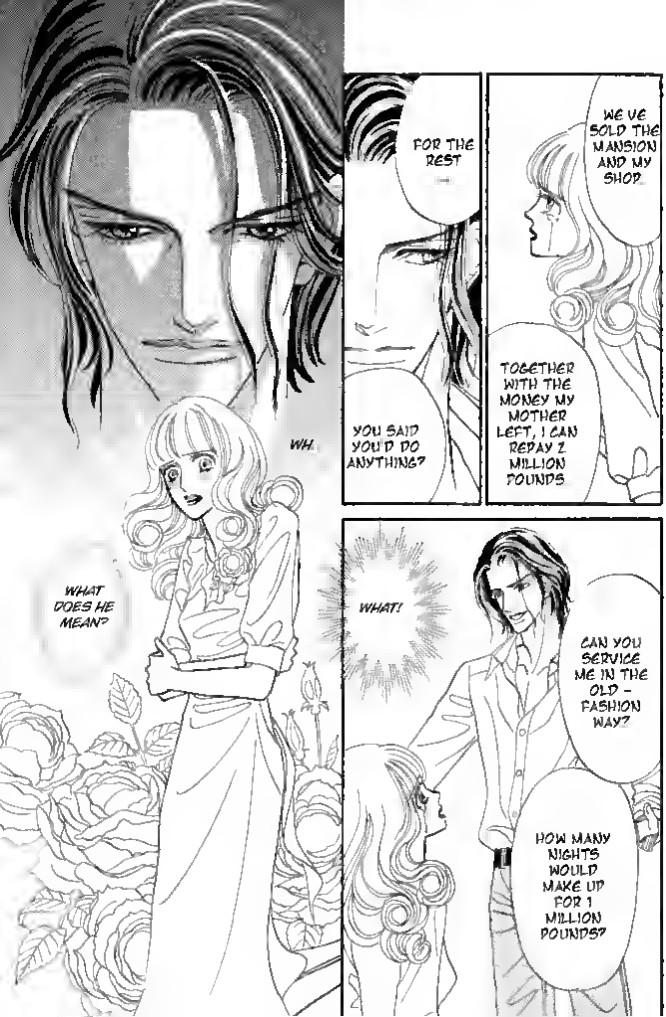
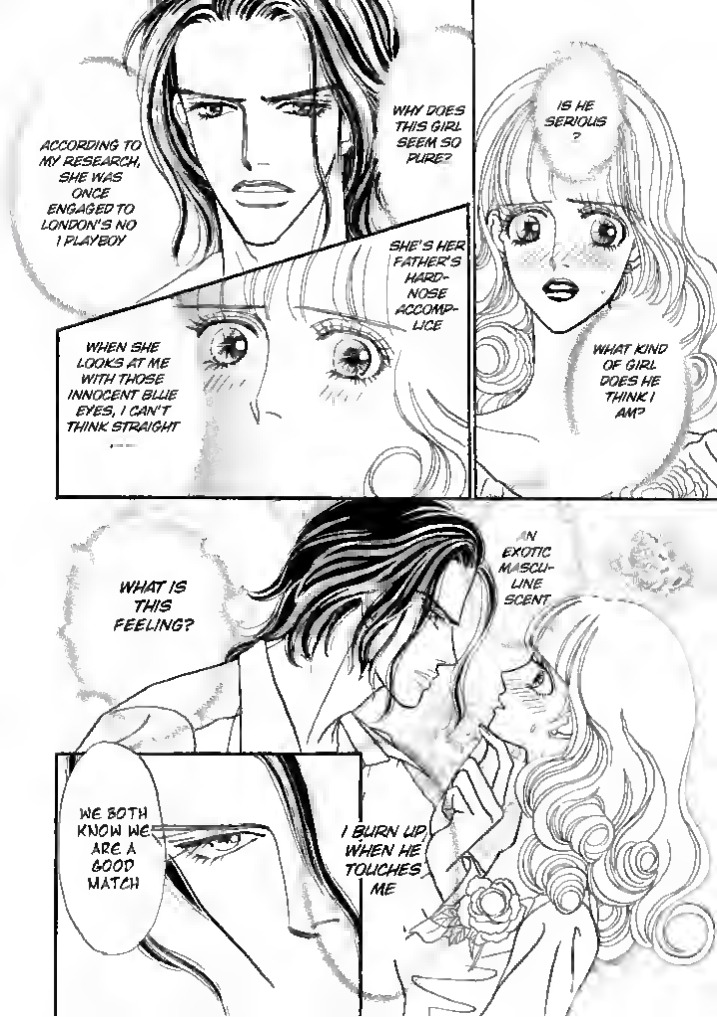
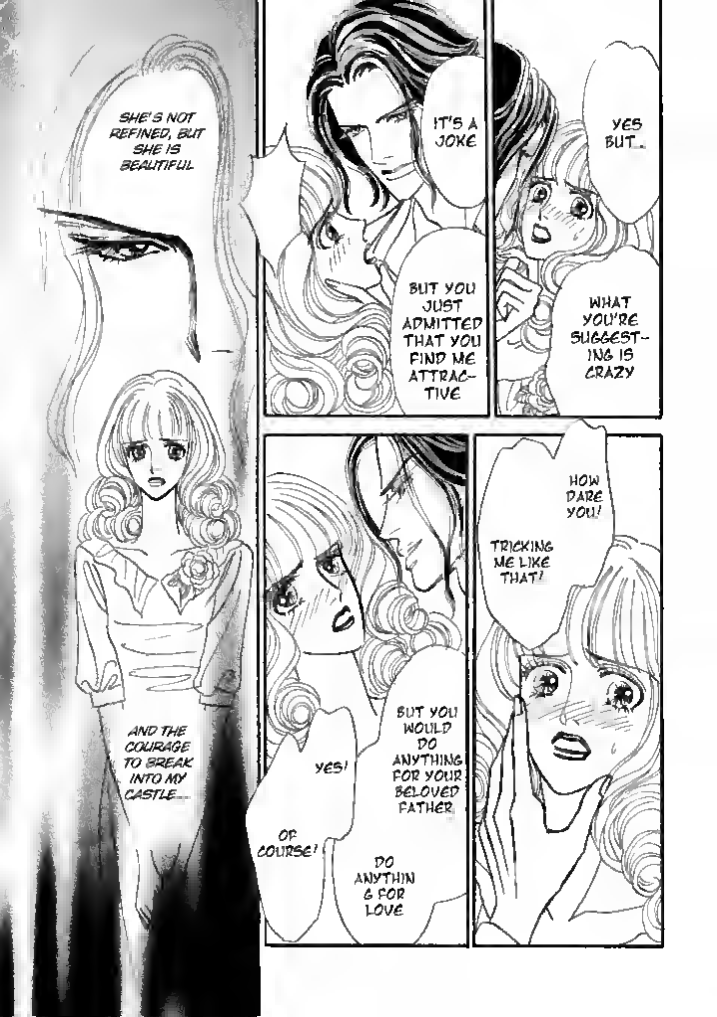

BUT WHY IS IT...
THAT WHEN I LOOK AT HER BLUE EYES...
NO POINT APPEALING TO MY COMPASSION
I WAS BORN INTO MONEY?
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT REAL LOVE OR LIFE IS, BECAUSE YOU WERE BORN INTO MONEY, AND GREW UP SPOILED IN THIS CASTLE.


HER FRAGILE BODY MIGHT BREAK IF I HOLD HER.
BEAUTIFUL BLUE EYES
I FEEL LIKE SHE CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH ME
NO!
I'M JUST BEING STIMULATED BY A DIFFERENT TYPE OF WOMEN...
AM I BEING AFFECTED BY THIS GIRL'S CHARMS?


WE'VE SOLD THE MANSION AND MY SHOP.
TOGETHER WITH THE MONEY MY MOTHER LEFT, I CAN REPAY 2 MILLION POUNDS
FOR THE REST
YOU SAID YOU'D DO ANYTHING?
WH
WHAT DOES HE MEAN?
WHAT!
CAN YOU SERVICE ME IN THE OLD-FASHION WAY?
HOW MANY NIGHTS WOULD MAKE UP FOR 1 MILLION POUNDS?

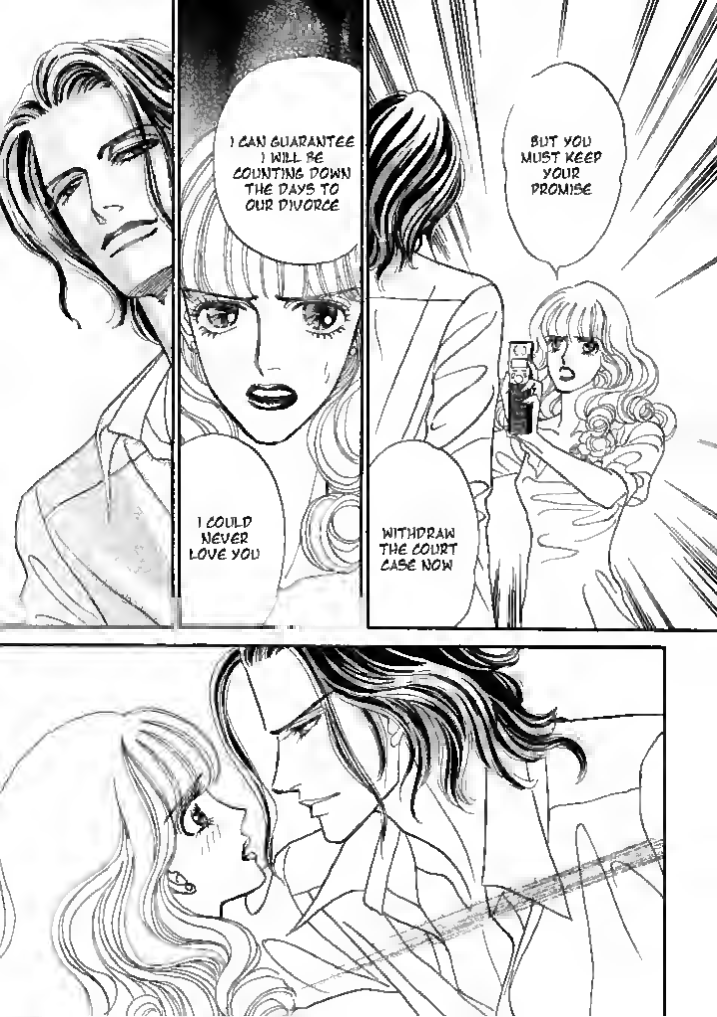

ACCORDING TO MY RESEARCH, SHE WAS ONCE ENGAGED TO LONDON'S NO 1 PLAYBOY
WHY DOES THIS GIRL SEEM SO PURE?
IS HE SERIOUS ?
SHE'S HER FATHER'S HARD-NOSE ACCOMP-LICE
WHEN SHE LOOKS AT ME WITH THOSE INNOCENT BLUE EYES, I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT
WHAT KIND OF GIRL DOES HE THINK I AM?
WHAT IS THIS FEELING?
AN EXOTIC MASCU-LINE SCENT
WE BOTH KNOW WE ARE A GOOD MATCH
I BURN UP WHEN HE TOUCHES ME


SHE'S NOT REFINED, BUT SHE IS BEAUTIFUL
AND THE COURAGE TO BREAK INTO MY CASTLE...
YES BUT...
IT'S A JOKE
WHAT YOU'RE SUGGEST-ING IS CRAZY
BUT YOU JUST ADMITTED THAT YOU FIND ME ATTRAC-TIVE
HOW DARE YOU!
TRICKING ME LIKE THAT!
BUT YOU WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR YOUR BELOVED FATHER
YES!
OF COURSE!
DO ANYTHIN G FOR LOVE

THEN...
YOU HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO MARRYING ME
!
I THINK YOU'D BE PERFECT AS MY PARTNER IN CRIME.
MARRY?
I HAVE TO MARRY WITHIN TWO MONTHS
AND STAY MARRIED FOR A YEAR
WH...
WHAT IS HE SAYING?
THIS MAN

THAT WAS IN MY GRAND-FATHER'S WILL
I WILL DO ANYTHING TO INHERIT THE BANK
BUT
THERE ARE PLENTY OF WOMEN YOU COULD MARRY
I'LL HAVE TO PAY COMPENSATIONS TO MODELS OR ACTRESSES WHEN WE DIVORCE
IN COMPARISON 1 MILLION IS NOTHING
MARRIAGE IS JUST A CONTRACT
SO YOU DON'T WANT YOUR WIFE TO FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU,
WHO COULD POSSIBLY LOVE YOU?
A PERFECT MATCH FOR A HARD-NOSED GIRLS LIKE YOU
BUT WOMEN TEND TO CONFUSE IT WITH LOVE
YOUR ARROGANCE KNOW NO BOUNDS
I WANT 1 YEAR OF YOUR LIFE
I DON'T THINK IS A BIG DEAL

THIS GUY WILL BUY ...
A YEAR OF MY LIFE ...
I CAN'T REFUSE... THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE MY FATHER.
...
ALL RIGHT ....


I CAN GUARANTEE I WILL BE COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS TO OUR DIVORCE
BUT YOU MUST KEEP YOUR PROMISE
I COULD NEVER LOVE YOU
WITHDRAW THE COURT CASE NOW

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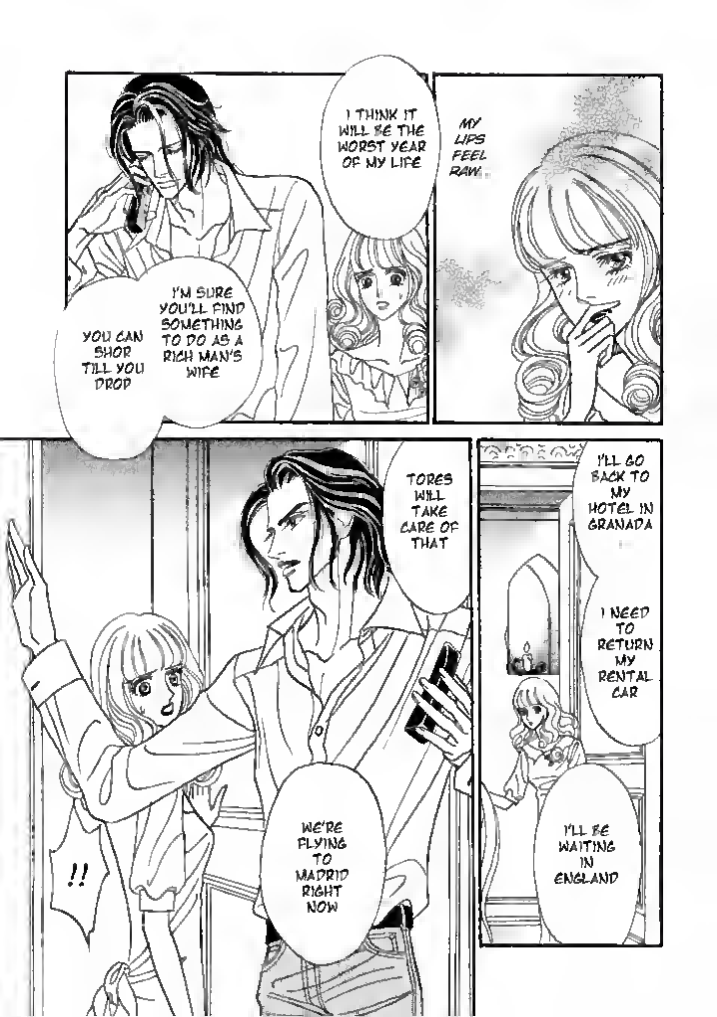
WE'RE IN AGREE-MENT THEN
AS SOON AS THE PREPARATION S ARE DONE, WE'LL GET MARRIED
IT'S GOING TO BE A FUN YEAR


I THINK IT WILL BE THE WORST YEAR OF MY LIFE
MY LIPS FEEL RAW.
I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING TO DO AS A RICH MAN'S WIFE
YOU CAN SHOP TILL YOU DROP
TORES WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT
I'LL GO BACK TO MY HOTEL IN GRANADA
I NEED TO RETURN MY RENTAL CAR
!!
WE'RE FLYING TO MADRID RIGHT NOW
I'LL BE WAITING IN ENGLAND

MISS BRESEFORD IS ASKING IF SHE HAS TO WAIT OUTSIDE YOUR OFFICE ALL DAY
Herrera Bank Head-quarters
I WAS KIND TO HER BUT SHE WOULDN'T STOP MOANING ABOUT WANTING TO GO HOME DURING THE FLIGHT
GOSH
I WANTED TO FINISH THIS, BUT LET HER THROUGH
OKAY
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL, BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE SHE'S SUCH A PAIN

YOU DIDN'T SAY YOU BOUGHT MY FREEDOM TOO
AT LEAST TELL ME WHY YOU BROUGHT ME TO MADRID
THIS EVENING THERE'S A PARTY FOR ALL OF MADRID'S MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE
I'LL ANNOUNCE OUR ENGAGEMENT THERE.
THE WEDDING IS IN TWO WEEKS
2 WEEKS!
SO SOON?
I'VE CALLED SALESPEOPLE TO MY FLAT.
COME

ENGAGEMENT RING!
THIS WILL COMPLETE YOU
IT FITS
I GUESSED YOUR SIZE RIGHT
HE GUESSED? BUT IT FITS PERFECTLY
HOW?
MY FINGER IS SO THIN, RINGS NEVER FIT ME

I FEEL LIKE HE HAS ME IN THE PALM OF HIS HANDS...
I'M SCARED
WE'LL BE THERE SOON
I'VE LEAKED THE NEWS TO THE PRESS, SO THE PAPARAZZI WILL BE THERE
IT'LL BE A BIG STORY
SMILE
WHAT A LOVELY STORY
ONLY MY LAWYER KNOWS ABOUT THE WILL
NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW
WE'RE MEANT TO HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT
SO WE'RE KEEPING IT A SECRET
WHY DID YOUR GRANDFATHER LEAVE SUCH A WILL?

I MADE ONE MISTAKE AND THEY BLAMED IT ON MY PERSONAL LIFE
MISTAKE ?
TO ENTRUST THE BRITISH BRANCH OF THE BANK TO A MAN NAMED BERESFORD, WHOM I TRUSTED
!!
IT WAS MY FATH-ER'S FAULT?

IT'S IRONIC ISN'T IT?
SO YOU ARE PERFECT AS MY FAKE BRIDE
I WILL HAVE MY COMPENSA-TION ONCE I MAKE YOU MY BRIDE
WH-
WHAT KIND OF COMPEN SATION ?
THIS KIND
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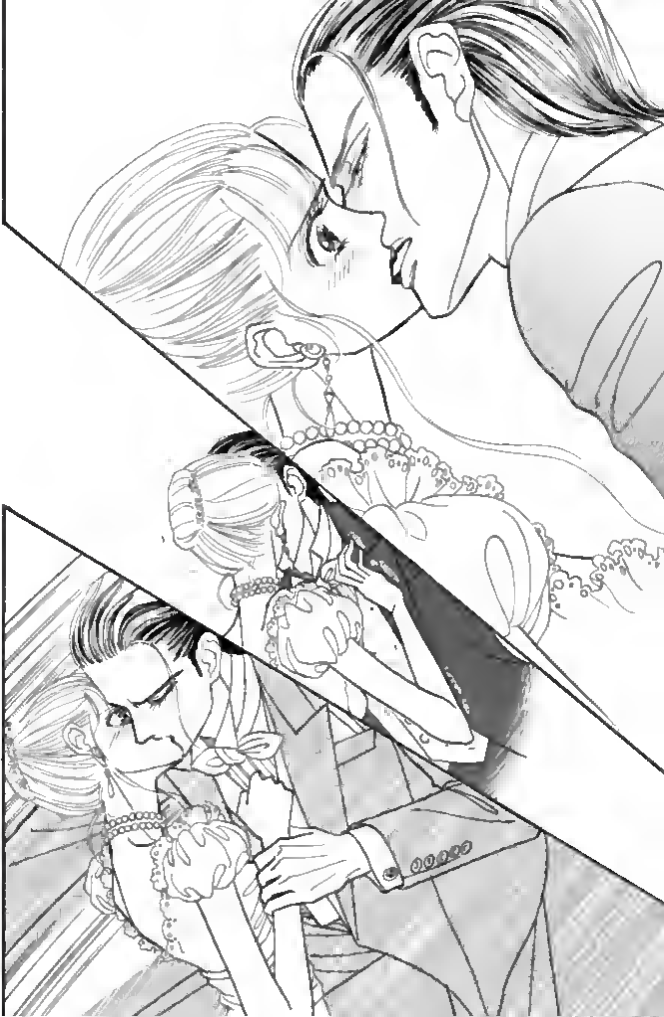


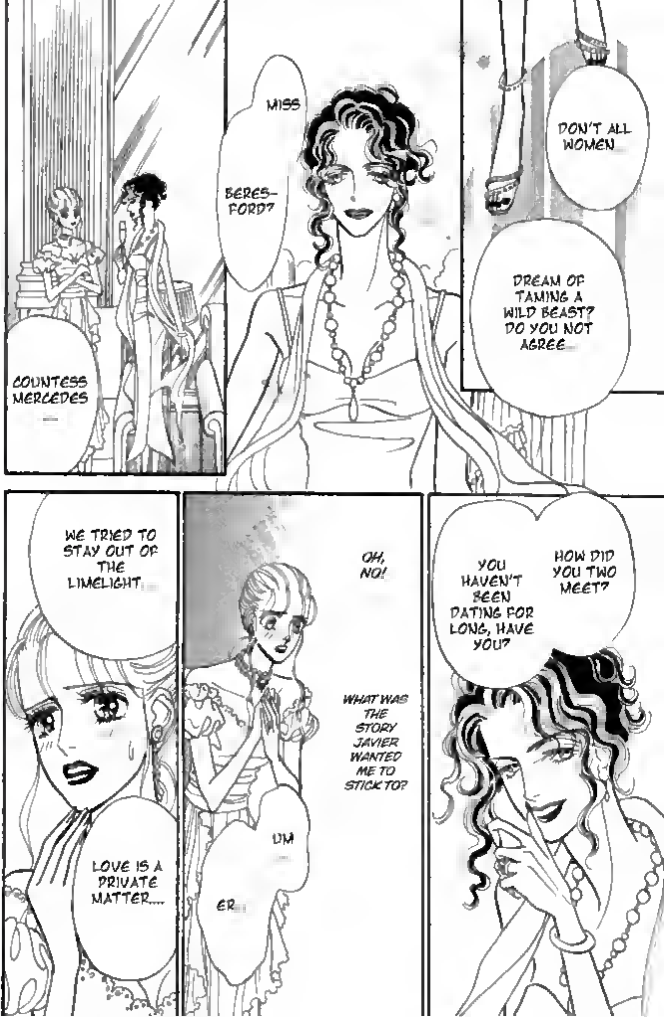
I CAN'T LET HIM DO THIS...
I DON'T EVEN LOVE HIM...
A PASSIONATE KISS
DEEPER...
MY HEAD FEELS DIZZY AND MY LEGS ARE NUMB
BUT... MY BODY WANT HIM...
I'VE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS BEFORE

THAT'S ENOUGH
I WANT YOU TO LOOK DREAMY
NOT LIKE YOU JUST GOT OUT OF BED WITH ME.

WHAT A CRUEL MAN!
HE'S JUST TEASING ME, TESTING ME..

!!

I'M JUST BEWILDERED BY HIS LOOKS
HE'S AN URBAN MAN BUT ALSO EXUDES A WILD SCENT...
UNFAIRLY HANDSOME AND SEXY
I NEVER FELT LIKE THIS WHEN I WAS ENGAGED BEFORE...
SO WHY DID I REACT LIKE THAT?
IT'S MY FAULT TOO, I KNOW HE HATES ME.....


COUNTESS MERCEDES
MISS BERESFORD?
DON'T ALL WOMEN DREAM OF TAMING A WILD BEAST? DO YOU NOT AGREE
OH, NO!
WHAT WAS THE STORY JAVIER WANTED ME TO STICK TO?
UM
ER
WE TRIED TO STAY OUT OF THE LIMELIGHT
LOVE IS A PRIVATE MATTER....
HOW DID YOU TWO MEET?
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN DATING FOR LONG, HAVE YOU?

JAVIER! HELP!
THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO BE DANCING WITH OTHER WOMEN!
JAVIER IS MARRYING FOR LOVE?
DO YOU LOVE HIM?
HOW DID YOU SEDUCE THE LONELY LION?
LOVE?
Y...
YES
GRACE
YOU ARE SO SWEET
I CAN'T WAIT TO SAY MY VOWS
HE IS MY LIFE

I CAN'T WAIT TO MAKE YOU MY WIFE EITHER
LET'S DANCE
♪
YOUR ACTING IS IMPECCABLE
I ALMOST BELIEVED IT MYSELF

I CAN'T IMAGINE A WOMAN OF ANY SENSE COULD EVER LOVE YOU.
YOU ARE SO UNLOVABLE.
MY MOTHER SAID THE SAME THING TO ME.
!?
ALL MOTHERS LOVE THEIR CHILDREN
WHY WOULD SHE SAY SUCH A THING
BECAUSE IT'S THE TRUE

?
THOSE EYES AGAIN...
MERCIFUL BLUE EYES...
I FEEL LIKE I CAN'T LIE...
I SCAVENGED FOR FOOD LIKE A DOG,
AND TRIED TO STAY OUT OF THE ADULTS WAY.
!!
BANISHED HIS OWN SON!
AND DISINHERIT MY FATHER AND BANISHED THEM FROM THE CASTLE
MY GRANDFATHER SAW THROUGH MY MOTHER
MY MOTHER WAS A GYPSY AND I GREW UP AS A TRAVELLER
YOU SAID I WAS BORN INTO WEALTH BUT...
MY MOTHER MARRIED MY FATHER FOR HIS MONEY
MY DAD WAS ADDICTED TO DRUGS MY MOTHER GAVE HIM

I GREW UP ...
UNWANTED AND UNLOVED
MY MOTHER EVENTUALLY STARTED TO DATE ANOTHER RICH MAN,
LEAVING ME WITH MY FATHER
THEN MY FATHER DIED OF A DRUG OVER-DOSE
THE POOR MAN LOVED HER UNTIL THE END
LOVE HAS NO MEANING TO ME
AT THE AGE OF 6, I VOWED LOVE WOULD NEVER BE A PART OF MY LIFE.
MY GRANDFATHER TOOK ME IN AS HIS HEIR AND GAVE ME STIRCT EDUCATION
I BELIEVED IN POWER MORE THAN LOVE
THAT'S WHY I WILL DO ANYTHING FOR MY INHERIT-ANCE

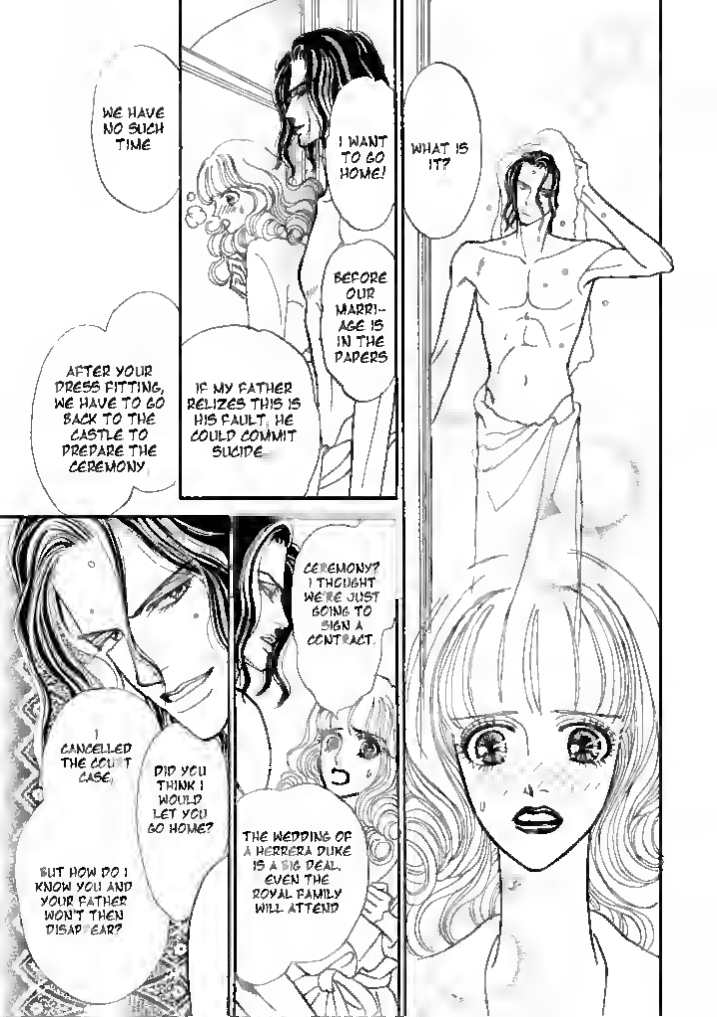
A TRAGIC UPBRINGING
NO WONDER HE'S CLOSED HIS HEART TO THE WORLD
WHAT KIND OF LIFE HAS THIS MAN LED?
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT

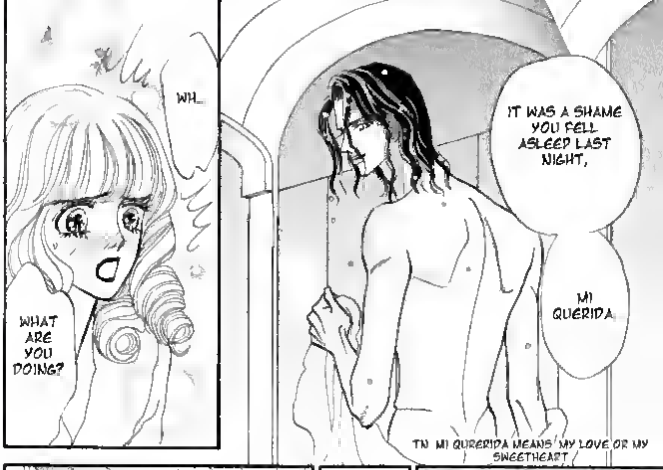
LUCITA
JAVIER
LUCITA VASQUES
SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF THE CEO OF VASQUES BANK. I'VE KNOWN HER SINCE SHE WAS A BABY.
IS SHE...
SOMEONE SPECIAL?
HE CAN...
SMILE LIKE THAT TOO?

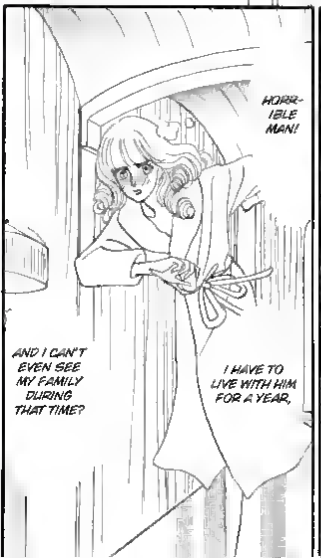
I THINK THE PRESIDENT IS READY TO LEAVE
FORGET ABOUT DADDY
CAN YOU DANCE WITH ME?
WE BETTER GET GOING
IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY FOR GRACE
I'M STILL HURT FROM HEARING ABOUT JAVIER'S UPBRINGING
DID HE OPEN HIS HEART TO ME WHEN HE TOLD ME HIS STORY?
I FEEL SAD THAT HE'S CLOSED HIMSELF OFF TO ME AGAIN

BUT I WANT TO GET INSIDE HIS HEART....
HE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME
BUT WHY?
I'VE NEVER BEEN SO VULNERABLE BEFORE....
WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME?

JAVIER'S APARTMENT IN MADRID
THIS IS
WHERE IS MY PASSPORT AND RETURN TICKET?

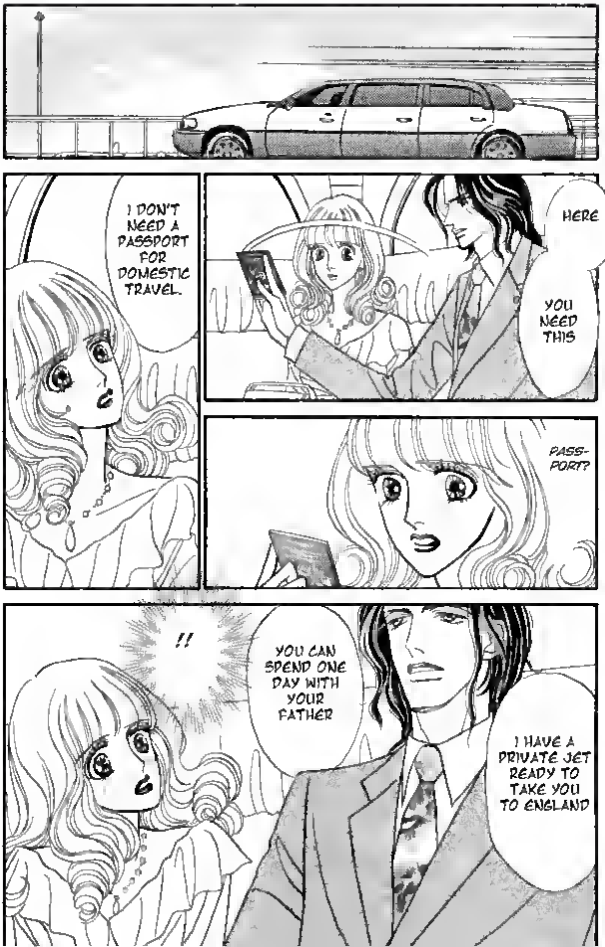

WE HAVE NO SUCH TIME
I WANT TO GO HOME!
BEFORE OUR MARRI-AGE IS IN THE PAPERS
IF MY FATHER RELIZES THIS IS HIS FAULT, HE COULD COMMIT SUCIDE.
AFTER YOUR DRESS FITTING, WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE CASTLE TO PREPARE THE CEREMONY
WHAT IS IT?
CEREMONY? I THOUGHT WE'RE JUST GOING TO SIGN A CONTRACT.
THE WEDDING OF A HERRERA DUKE IS A BIG DEAL. EVEN THE ROYAL FAMILY WILL ATTEND
I CANCELLED THE COURT CASE.
DID YOU THINK I WOULD LET YOU GO HOME?
BUT HOW DO I KNOW YOU AND YOUR FATHER WON'T THEN DISAP-EAR?

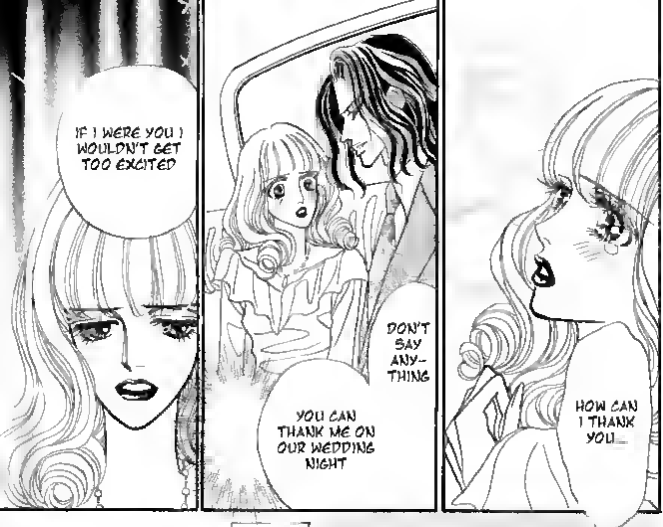

WH...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT WAS A SHAME YOU FELL ASLEEP LAST NIGHT,
MI QUERIDA
TN: MI QUERIDA MEANS 'MY LOVE' OR 'MY SWEETHEART'


HORRIBLE MAN!
I HAVE TO LIVE WITH HIM FOR A YEAR,
AND I CAN'T EVEN SEE MY FAMILY DURING THAT TIME?

WHAT WERE YOU HOPING FOR?
I'M PUTTING MY CLOTHES ON,
DO YOU WANT TO WATCH?

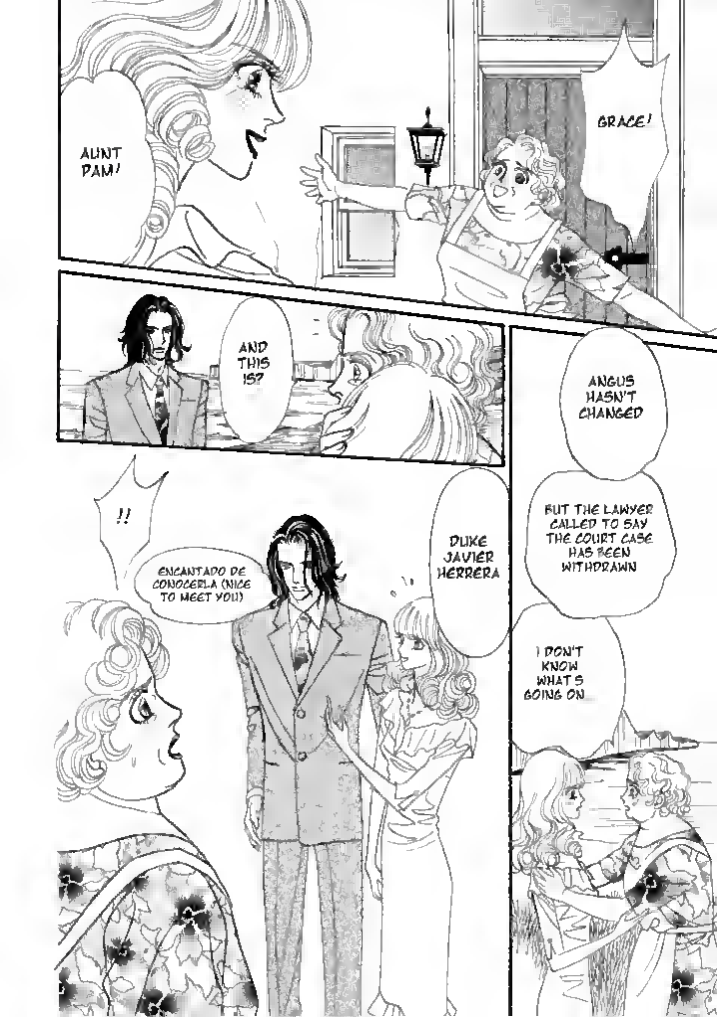
I COULD BEARLY CONTROL MYSELF
I GOT SO CLOSE SO MANY TIMES
I COULDN'T SLEEP LAST NIGHT
WHY DOES SHE SHY AWAY WHEN I KNOW SHE WANTS ME?
IS SHE PLAYING SOME SORT OF GAME?
WHY DO I WANT TO THINK THAT SHE'S DIFFERENT FROM OTHER WOMEN?
WHAT AM I THINKING ?
I GUESS SHE IS THE SAME AS ALL THE OTHER WOMEN I'VE MET.


I DON'T NEED A PASSPORT FOR DOMESTIC TRAVEL.
HERE YOU NEED THIS
PASS-PORT?
!!
YOU CAN SPEND ONE DAY WITH YOUR FATHER
I HAVE A PRIVATE JET READY TO TAKE YOU TO ENGLAND


IF I WERE YOU I WOULDN'T GET TOO EXCITED
DON'T SAY ANY-THING
YOU CAN THANK ME ON OUR WEDDING NIGHT
HOW CAN I THANK YOU...

East-bourne England
Bellevue Pent-house

YOU'LL BE DIS-APROINTED


AUNT PAM!
GRACE!
AND THIS IS?
ANGUS HASN'T CHANGED
BUT THE LAWYER CALLED TO SAY THE COURT CASE HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON
!!
ENCANTADO DE CONOCERLA (NICE TO MEET YOU)
DUKE JAVIER HERRERA

I'M SORRY FOR WHAT MY BROTHER DID,
BUT IF YOU'VE COME TO HARASS HIM, YOU'LL HAVE TO KILL ME FIRST
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF DOING THAT
I CAME TO FORGIVE HIM
!!
FOR-GIVE?
I FELL IN LOVE WITH GRACE
I WANTED TO LET ANGUS KNOW
THAT WE ARE GETTING MARRIED
OH
OH, MY, MY!

WHEN DID YOU TWO MEET?
IT'S NOT BEEN FIVE MINUTES, HAS IT!
I REALIZED FROM THE MOMENT I MET JAVIER, I WOULD LOVE HIM FOREVER.
JAVIER MUST BE SCOFFING AT MY STUPID ACTING
MUST BE IN THE BLOOD
IT'S SAD,
BUT HE WAS RIGHT.
ANGUS FELL FOR SUSAN AT FIRST SIGHT
HE SAID HE COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT HER
!!
I CAN'T READ HIS EXPRESSION ....

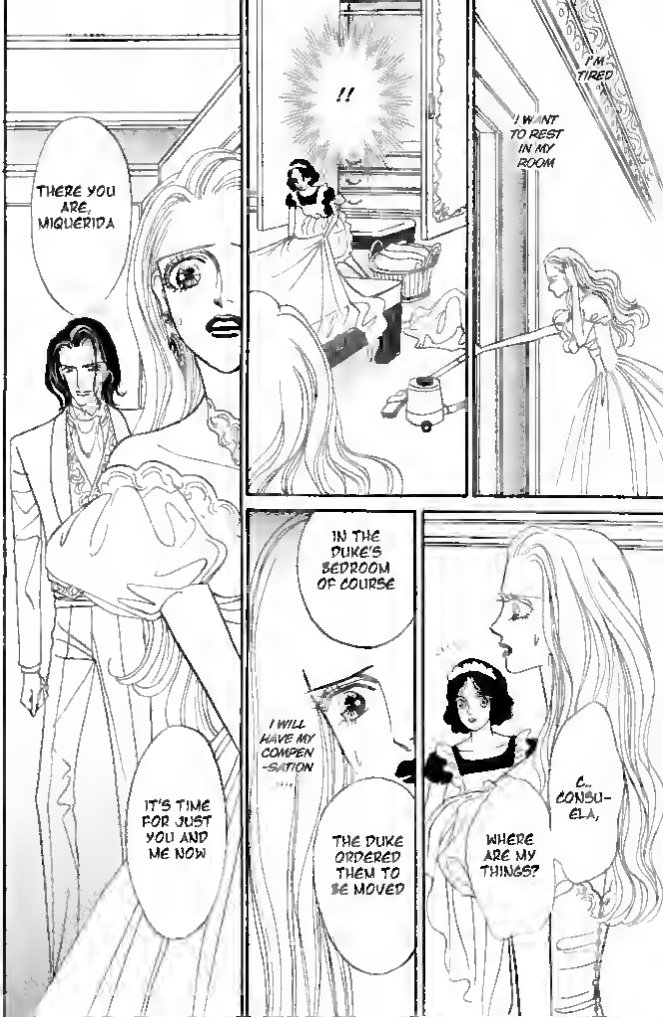
DAD
...
I...
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ANYMORE
DADDY
IT'S ME
JAVIER CALLED OFF THE COURT CASE.
I CAN'T FIND YOUR MOM ANYWHERE
....
HEY,
GRACE...

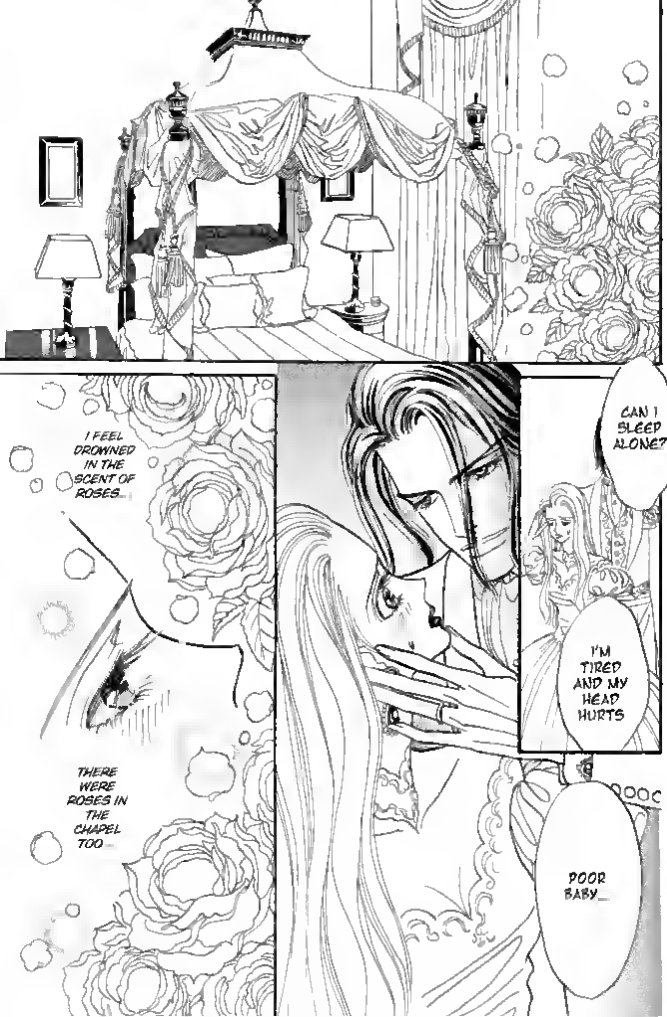
THE STORY ABOUT HIS SICK WIFE WAS TRUE
3 MILLION POUNDS
SHE WOULD MARRY FOR HER FATHER,
EVEN IF IT'S THE MAN SHE HATES.
HOW MUCH MONEY DID HE PAY TOWARD HER TREATMENT?
THIS IS...
THAT CONFIDENT BUSINESSMAN ANGUS BERESFORD?
GRACE ISN'T HIS ACCOMPLICE.
SHE'S JUST A LOVING DAUGHTER
I NEVER KNEW HE WAS LIVING A SIMPLE LIFE IN HIS SISTER'S PENT-HOUSE

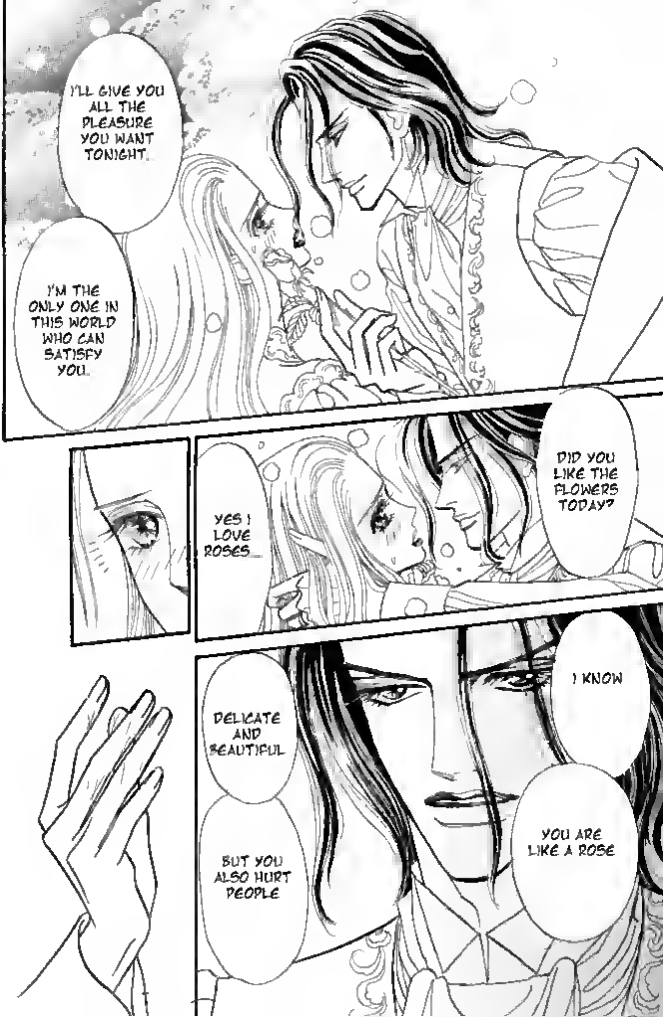
THE GUEST HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED AT THE CHAPEL
THANK YOU, TORES
ALL IS WELL THEN?

THE CASTLE HAS CHANGED IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS
GRACE'S SMILE BLOOMED LIKE A ROSE INSIDE THIS FORT BRIGHTENING EVERYTHING AROUND HER.
HOW IS SHE?
AND SENORITA BERESFORD?
WELL
IS SHE HAPPY?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
TORES IS SMILING
SHE LOOKS LOVELY
SHE IS DELIGHTED
OF COURSE!

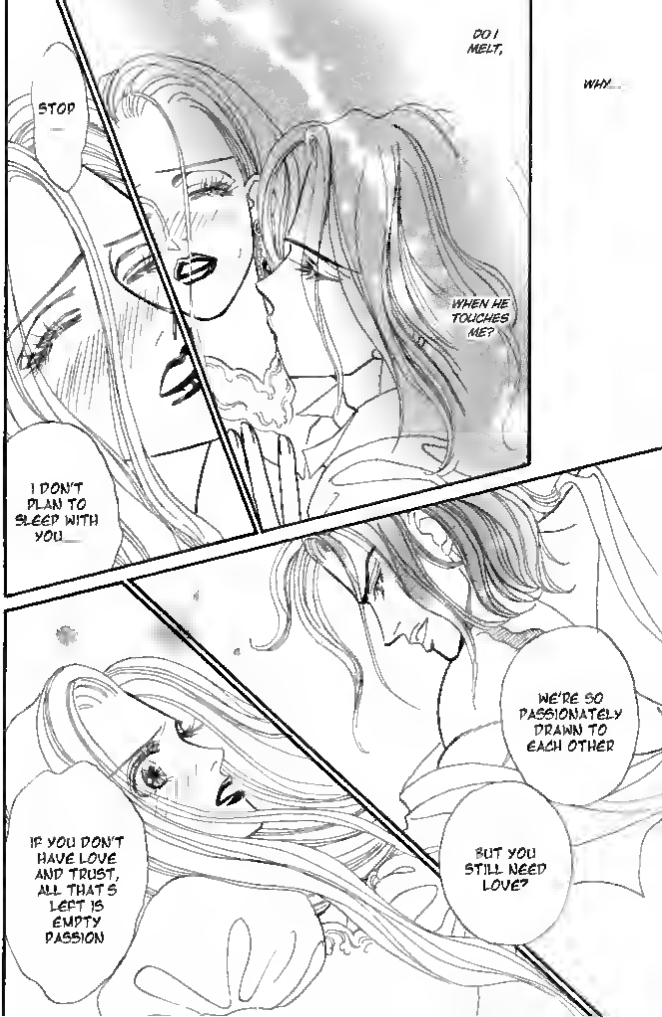
UNTIL DEATH DO US PART...
BUT...
EXCEPT
ME
NO MATTER HOW MUCH SHE HATES ME, OUR INTERESTS ARE THE SAME
SO WE'VE FINALLY SAID OUR VOWS

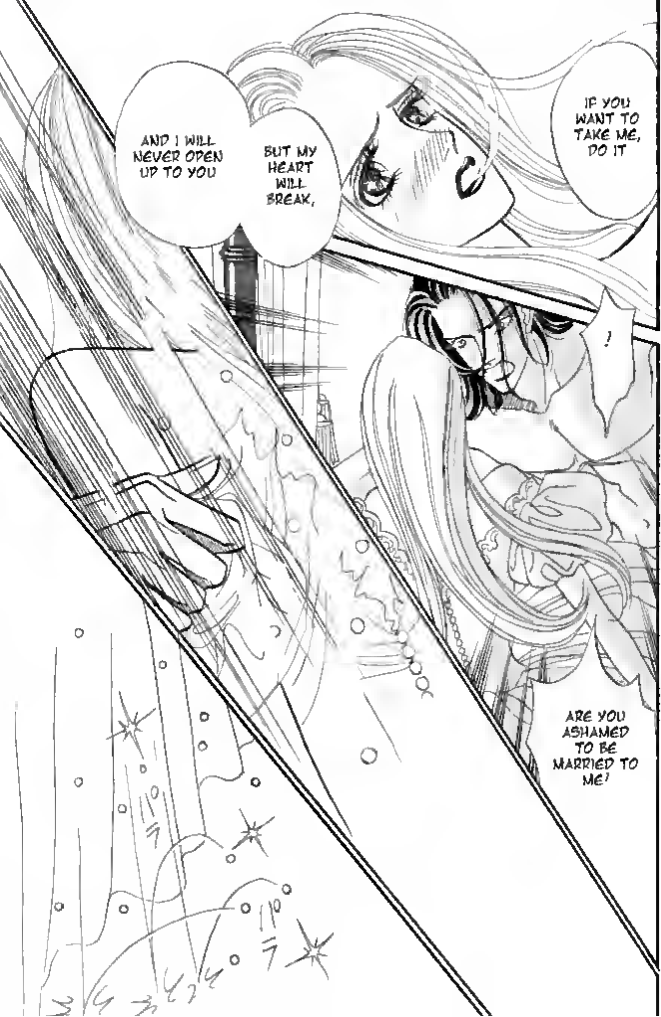

I'M TIRED
I WANT TO REST IN MY ROOM
!!
THERE YOU ARE, MIGUERIDA
IT'S TIME FOR JUST YOU AND ME NOW
C. CONSU-ELA,
WHERE ARE MY THINGS?
IN THE DUKE'S BEDROOM OF COURSE
I WILL HAVE MY COMPEN-SATION ....
THE DUKE ORDERED THEM TO BE MOVED

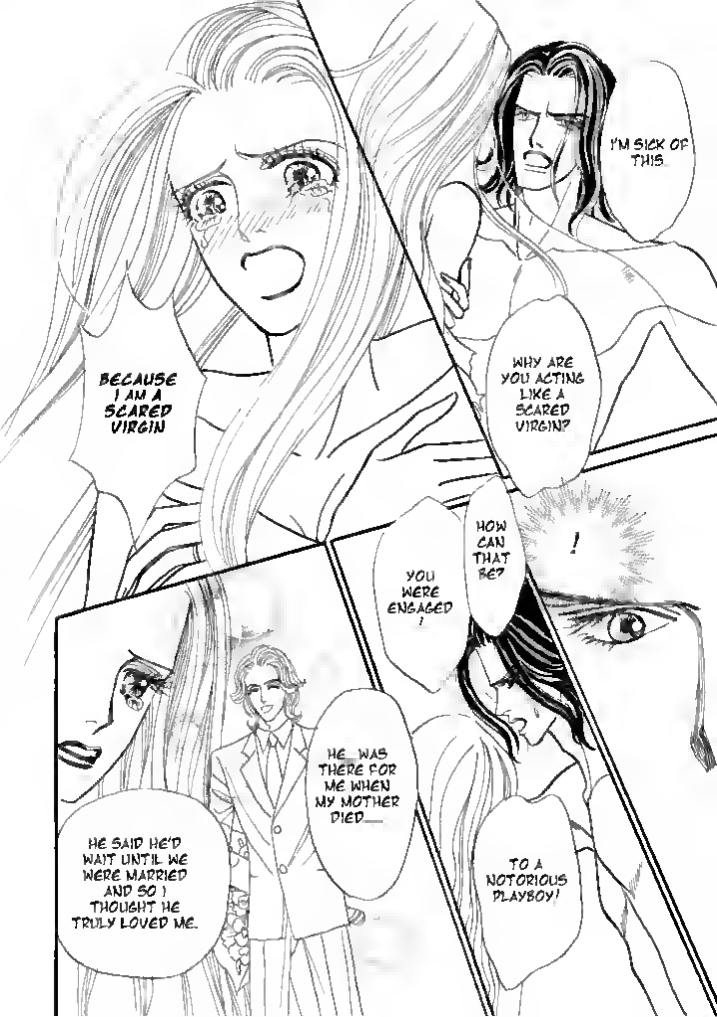

I FEEL DROWNED IN THE SCENT OF ROSES...
THERE WERE ROSES IN THE CHAPEL TOO...
CAN I SLEEP ALONE?
I'M TIRED AND MY HEAD HURTS
POOR BABY...


I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE PLEASURE YOU WANT TONIGHT.
I'M THE ONLY ONE IN THIS WORLD WHO CAN SATISFY YOU.
DID YOU LIKE THE FLOWERS TODAY?
YES! I LOVE ROSES...
I KNOW
YOU ARE LIKE A ROSE
DELICATE AND BEAUTIFUL
BUT YOU ALSO HURT PEOPLE

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HANDS?
NOTHING


STOP
DO I MELT,
WHY...
WHEN HE TOUCHES ME?
I DON'T PLAN TO SLEEP WITH YOU...
WE'RE SO PASSIONATELY DRAWN TO EACH OTHER
BUT YOU STILL NEED LOVE?
IF YOU DON'T HAVE LOVE AND TRUST, ALL THAT'S LEFT IS EMPTY PASSION

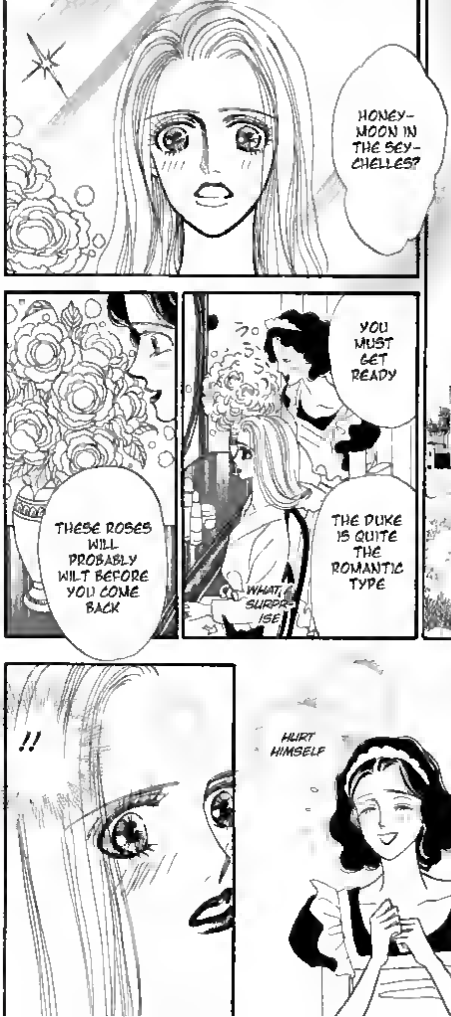

IF YOU WANT TO TAKE ME, DO IT
!
ARE YOU ASHAMED TO BE MARRIED TO ME?
BUT MY HEART WILL BREAK,
AND I WILL NEVER OPEN UP TO YOU

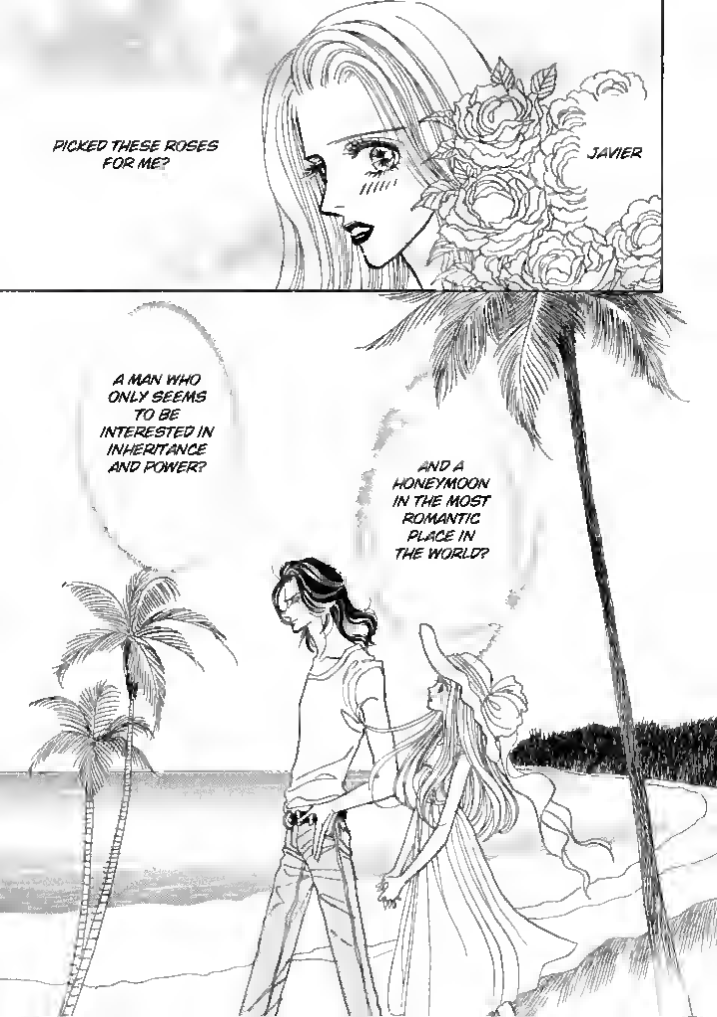

I'M SICK OF THIS
WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE A SCARED VIRGIN?
BECAUSE I AM A SCARED VIRGIN
!
HOW CAN THAT BE?
YOU WERE ENGAGED !
TO A NOTORIOUS PLAYBOY!
HE WAS THERE FOR ME WHEN MY MOTHER DIED—
HE SAID HE'D WAIT UNTIL WE WERE MARRIED AND SO I THOUGHT HE TRULY LOVED ME.

HE LOOKED LIKE A BEAST
BUT THEN I FOUND HIM...
SLEEPING WITH THE HOUSE-KEEPER...
I BELIEVED IN LONG-LASTING LOVE LIKE MY PARENTS
JUST MY LUCK!
I ONLY WANT TO GIVE MYSELF TO THE ONE I LOVE
YOU'RE REJECTING ME, BASED ON ....
SOME FAIRY-TAIL BELIEF?
I CAN'T SEPERATE LUST AND LOVE LIKE YOU CAN!
I WANT TO MEET SOMEONE I CAN GIVE MY ALL TO SOMEDAY...
MARRIED TO A WIFE WITH A SSEDUCTIVE BODY AND A PURE NUN'S SOUL!

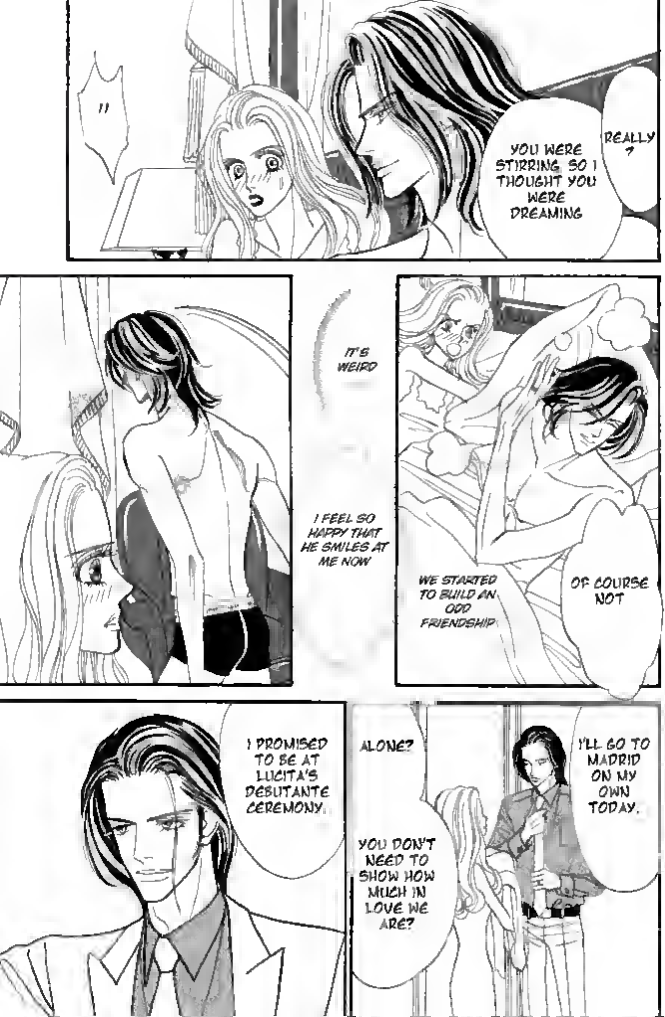
I'M GOING TO TAKE A SHOWER.
YOU BETTER BE ASLEEP WHEN I GET BACK!
IF YOU ARE AWAKE WHEN I RETURN,
I CAN'T GUARANTEE THIS MAN YOU HATE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTROL HIMSELF
I CAN'T SLEEP IN YOUR BED
WE NEED TO CONVINCE EVERYONE THIS WAS A MARRIAGE OF LOVE!
TRY!

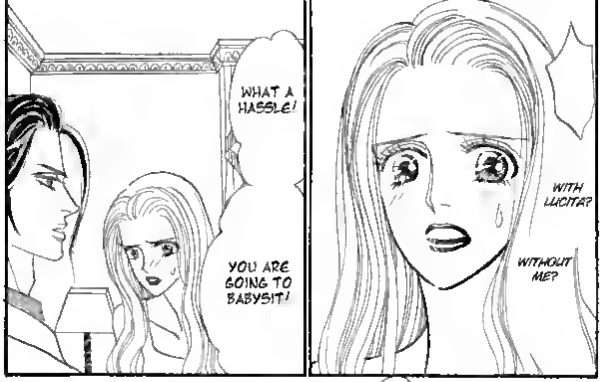
I NEED TO SLEEP QUICKLY.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
FOR THE NEXT YEAR,
I HAVE TO ENDURE SLEEPING WITH A BEAST NEXT TO ME....

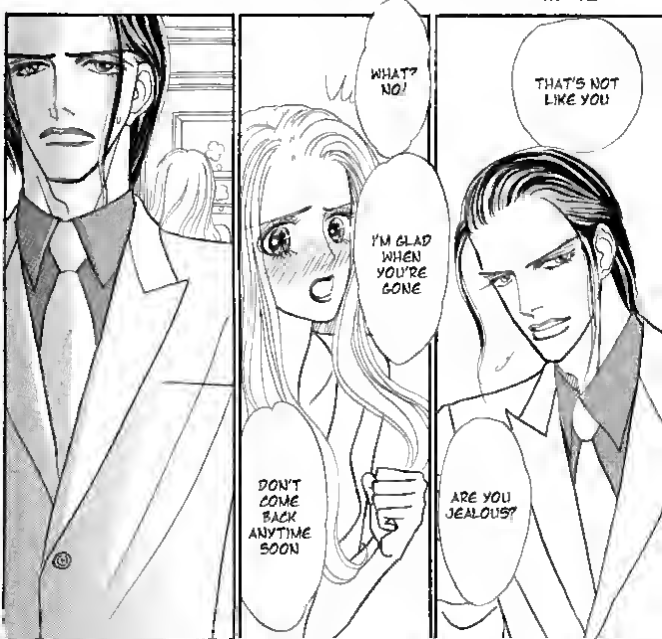

HONEY-MOON IN THE SEY-CHELLES?
YOU MUST GET READY
THE DUKE IS QUITE THE ROMANTIC TYPE
WHAT A SURPRISE
THESE ROSES WILL PROBABLY WILT BEFORE YOU COME BACK
!!
HURT HIMSELF
THE DUKE PICKED IT HIMSELF ON YOUR WEDDING DAY
HE SCRATCHED HIS HANDS DOING IT


PICKED THESE ROSES FOR ME?
JAVIER
A MAN WHO ONLY SEEMS TO BE INTERESTED IN INHERITANCE AND POWER?
AND A HONEYMOON IN THE MOST ROMANTIC PLACE IN THE WORLD?

HE KISSES ME ONLY WHEN PEOPLE ARE WATCHING...
9 months later
MORNING
DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
YES, VERY
I DON'T GET IT
WHAT IS HE HIDING?
BUT HE NEVER TOUCHES ME AT NIGHT.
IS HE CARING FOR MY FEELINGS


"
REALLY ?
YOU WERE STIRRING, SO I THOUGHT YOU WERE DREAMING
IT'S WEIRD
I FEEL SO HAPPY THAT HE SMILES AT ME NOW
WE STARTED TO BUILD AN ODD FRIENDSHIP
OF COURSE NOT
I PROMISED TO BE AT LUCITA'S DEBUTANTE CEREMONY.
ALONE?
YOU DON'T NEED TO SHOW HOW MUCH IN LOVE WE ARE?
I'LL GO TO MADRID ON MY OWN TODAY.


WHAT A HASSLE!
YOU ARE GOING TO BABYSIT!
WITH LUCITA?
WITHOUT ME?


WHAT? NO!
I'M GLAD WHEN YOU'RE GONE
DON'T COME BACK ANYTIME SOON
THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU
ARE YOU JEALOUS?

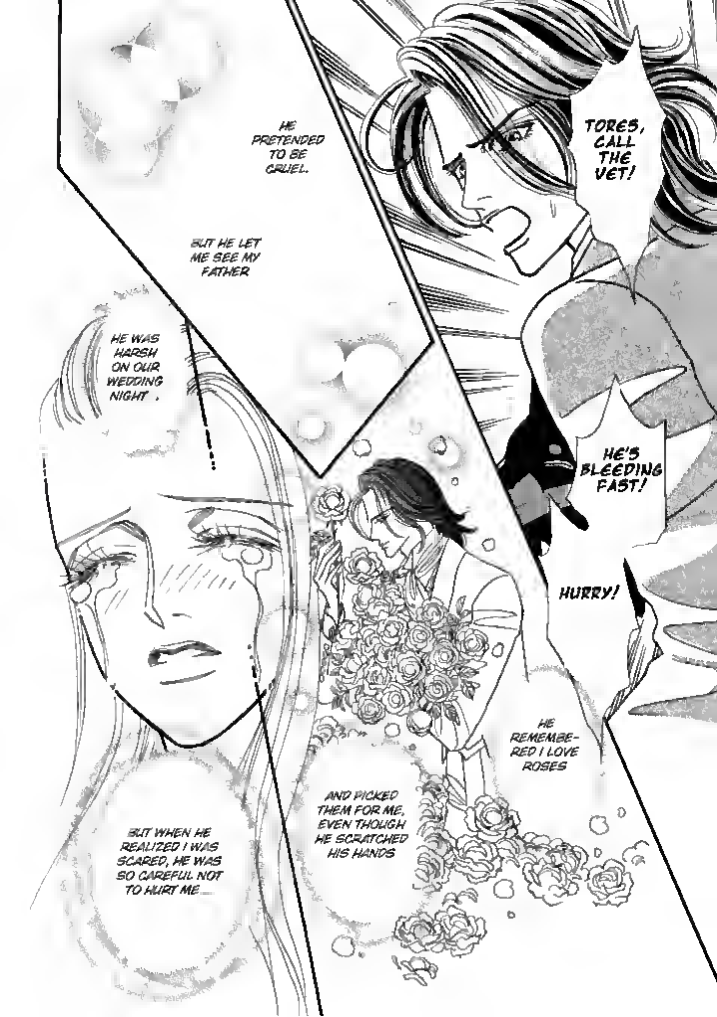
WHY DID I SAY SUCH HORRIBLE THINGS?
HE'S PROBABLY GROWN TIRED OF ME...
JAVIER HASN'T COME BACK
HE SAID THERE WERE PROBLEMS AT WORK BUT...
IS HE WITH LUCITA?
OR THE COUNTESS?
I'VE GOT TO STOP IMAGINING THINGS
2 weeks later
WHY DO I FEEL SO NERVOUS?
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO HE'S WITH
YOU'RE MY FRIEND

!!
JAVIER
I CAN'T LIE TO YOU
—
I DON'T WANT TO ADMIT I MISS HIM...
MADAM
THE DUKE IS BACK
I DON'T WANT TO GET HURT
HE'S PROBABLY SLEEPING WITH SOMEONE ELSE, JUST LIKE MY EX-FIANCE
GROWL

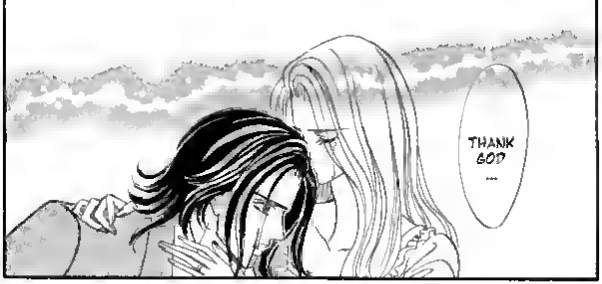
A DELIVERY TRUCK!
NO!
LUCA!
screech!
LUCA!

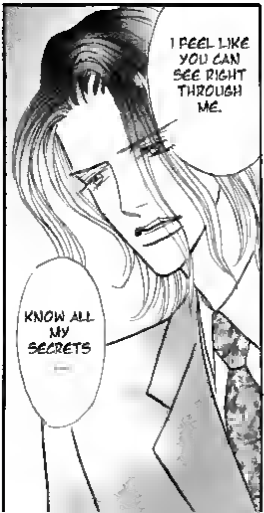
LUCA!
LUCA! ...
WHY DID I....
JAVIER!
EVER THINK THAT JAVIER WAS COLD-HEARTED?

LUCA!
LOVE
PAIN
FEAR
HE FEELS IT...
LUCA!
IT'S A LIE THAT HE DOESN'T BELIEVE IN LOVE!
HE NEVER HAD LOVE AS A CHILD, BUT HE'S SO FULL OF LOVE NOW
HE'S LIKE ME, AFRAID TO LOVE AND GET HURT
...
HE ONLY KNEW HOW TO LIVE IN FEAR, OUTCAST BY THE ADULTS AROUND HIM
LUCA...
OPEN YOUR EYES...
IT'S ME
THAT'S WHY HE
LOVES CREATURES THAT LOVE HIM BACK, UNCONDITIONALLY


HE PRETENDED TO BE CRUEL.
BUT HE LET ME SEE MY FATHER
HE WAS HARSH ON OUR WEDDING NIGHT.
BUT WHEN HE REALIZED I WAS SCARED, HE WAS SO CAREFUL NOT TO HURT ME...
TORES, CALL THE VET!
HE'S BLEEDING FAST!
HURRY!
HE REMEMBERED I LOVE ROSES
AND PICKED THEM FOR ME, EVEN THOUGH HE SCRATCHED HIS HANDS

IF I COULD JUST SEE HIM SMILE ONCE MORE...
I WOULD GIVE ANYTHING!
OH GOD, PLEASE SAVE LUCA!
DON'T TAKE AWAY THE ONE THING JAVIER LOVES!
HE'S IN SHOCK FROM BLOOD LOSS,
BUT HE SHOULD RECOVER WELL


THANK GOD ...


I FEEL LIKE YOU CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH ME.
KNOW ALL MY SECRETS ...

I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE LUCA.

I'LL GET IT READY.
YOU CAN GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM AS OF TODAY.
?
YOU ARE SO PURE.
YOU'RE EVEN COURTEOUS TO SOMEONE LIKE ME.
I CAN'T TAINT YOU!
I PROMISE TO SEND YOU HOME UNTAINTED IN 9 MONTHS' TIME.
JAVIER?

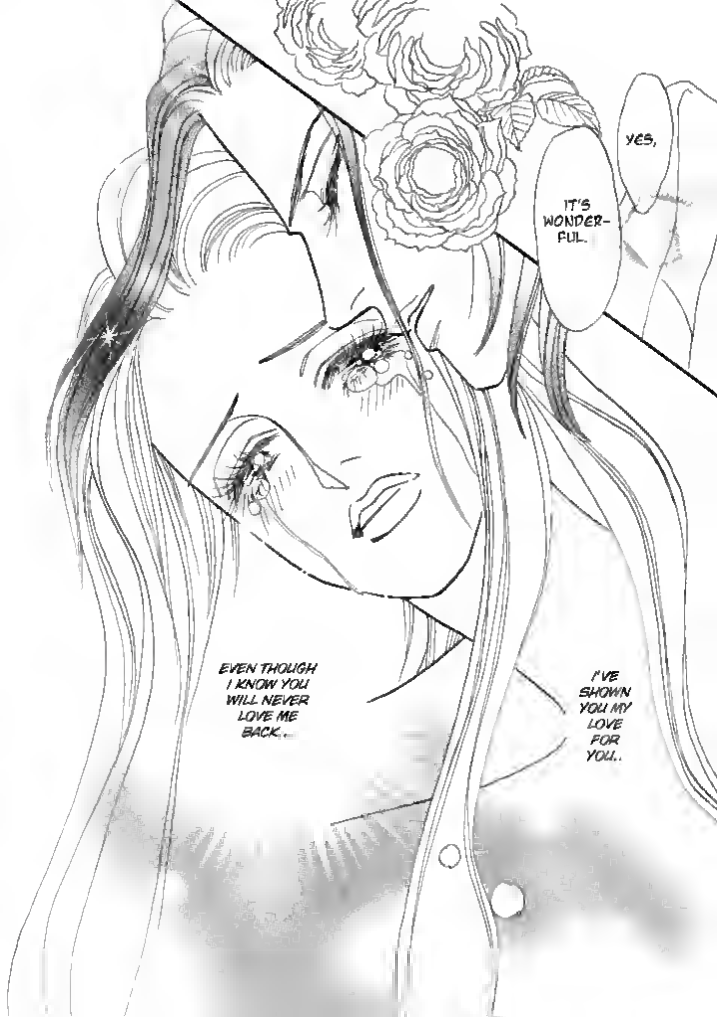
WHAT'S WRONG GRACE?
TELL ME.
AM I FORCING YOU TO DO SOMETHING ELSE YOU DON'T LIKE?
HE...
DOESN'T KNOW...
THAT HE'S SO FULL OF LOVE.
AND HE'LL NEVER LOVE ME
HE WANTS TO GET RID OF ME.
BUT...
I FINALLY FOUND YOUR HEART,
I WANT TO MAKE LOVE TO YOU.

I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU
BUT YOU'RE SO ADORABLE

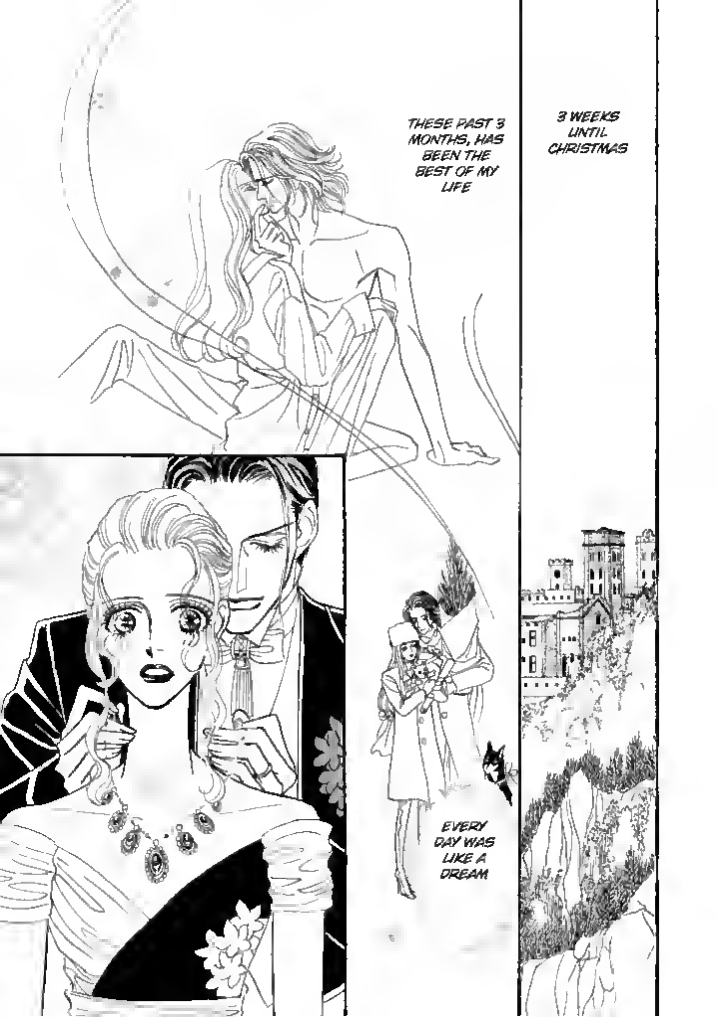
Shojo Manhwa Scans

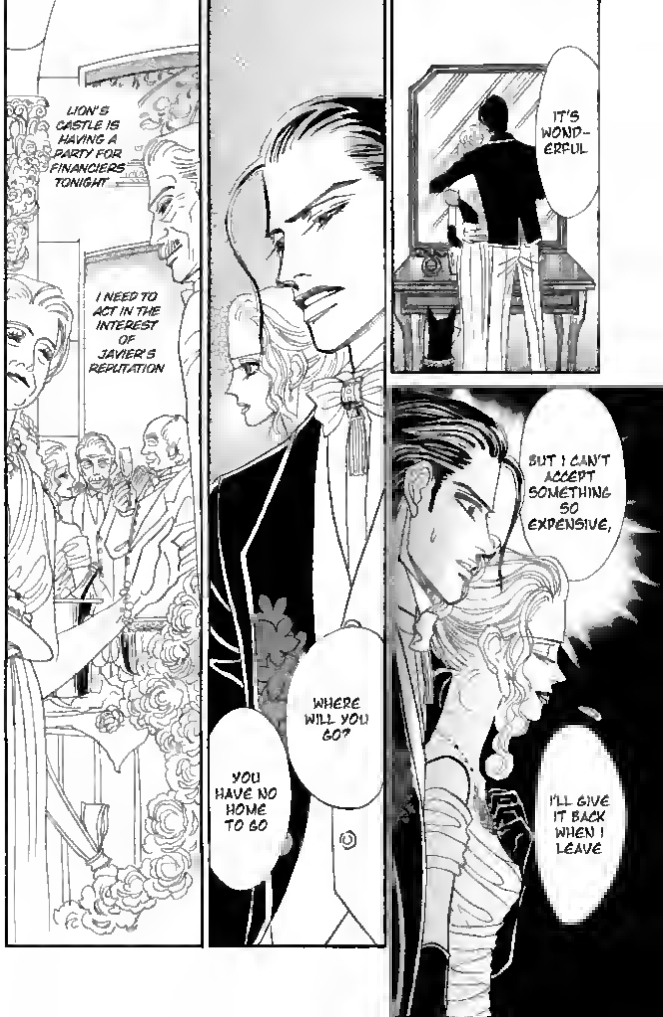
GRACE,
YOU'RE DIVINE
YOU'RE PERFECT,
JAVIER

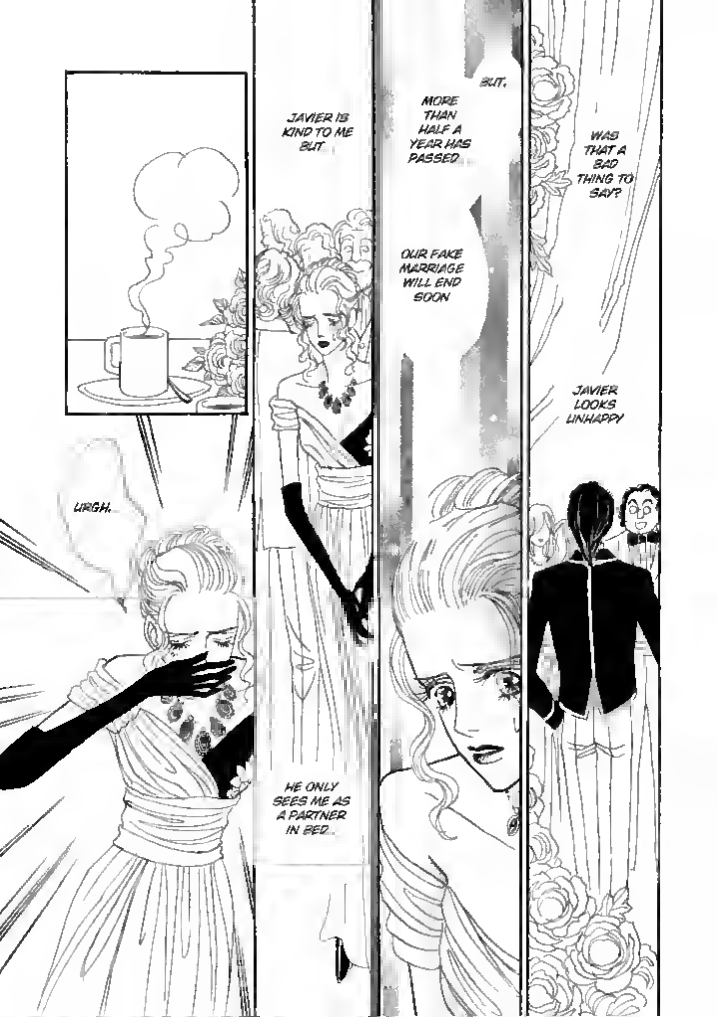
ARE YOU OKAY?
OH, JAVIER!

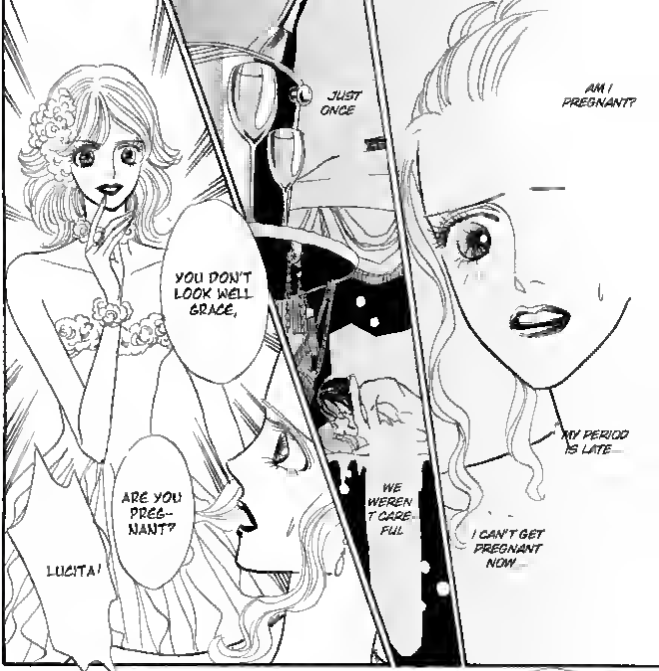

YES,
IT'S WONDER-FUL.
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW YOU WILL NEVER LOVE ME BACK..
I'VE SHOWN YOU MY LOVE FOR YOU..

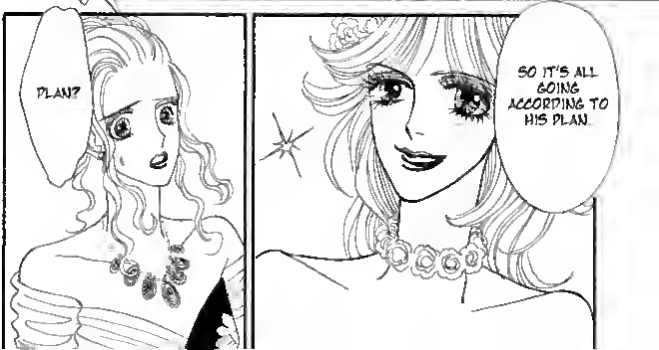
I COULD STARE
AT HER FACE ALL NIGHT
I'VE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS BEFORE


THESE PAST 3 MONTHS, HAS BEEN THE BEST OF MY LIFE
3 WEEKS UNTIL CHRISTMAS
EVERY DAY WAS LIKE A DREAM


LION'S CASTLE IS HAVING A PARTY FOR FINANCIERS TONIGHT
I NEED TO ACT IN THE INTEREST OF JAVIER'S REPUTATION
YOU HAVE NO HOME TO GO
WHERE WILL YOU GO?
IT'S WONDERFUL
BUT I CAN'T ACCEPT SOMETHING SO EXPENSIVE,
I'LL GIVE IT BACK WHEN I LEAVE


JAVIER IS KIND TO ME BUT
BUT,
MORE THAN HALF A YEAR HAS PASSED
OUR FAKE MARRIAGE WILL END SOON
WAS THAT A BAD THING TO SAY?
JAVIER LOOKS UNHAPPY
URGH..
HE ONLY SEES ME AS A PARTNER IN BED


JUST ONCE
AM I PREGNANT?
YOU DON'T LOOK WELL GRACE,
MY PERIOD IS LATE...
WE WEREN'T CARE-FUL
I CAN'T GET PREGNANT NOW...
ARE YOU PREG-NANT?
LUCITA!

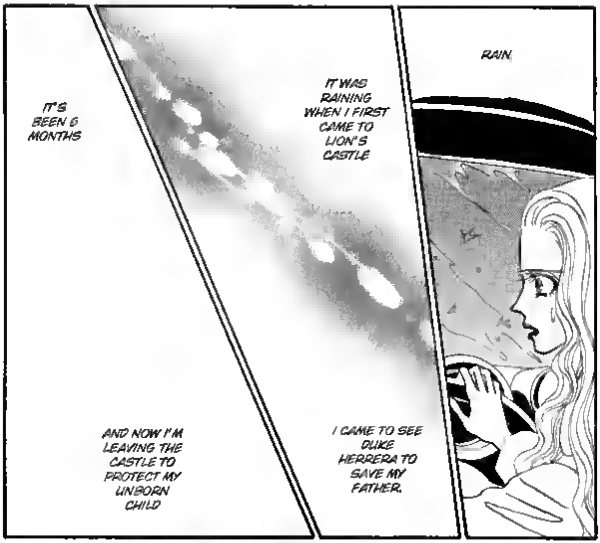

PLAN?
SO IT'S ALL GOING ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN...

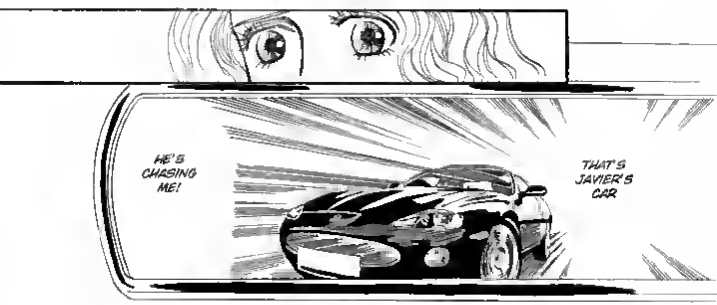
!!
I KNOW THAT HE MARRIED YOU JUST SO HE COULD INHERIT THE BANK
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?
JAVIER TELLS ME EVERYTHING
HE ALWAYS OPEN UP TO ME. ONLY ME
JAVIER'S SMILE WAS KIND WHEN-EVER HE SPOKE TO LUCITA-
THAT'S RIGHT

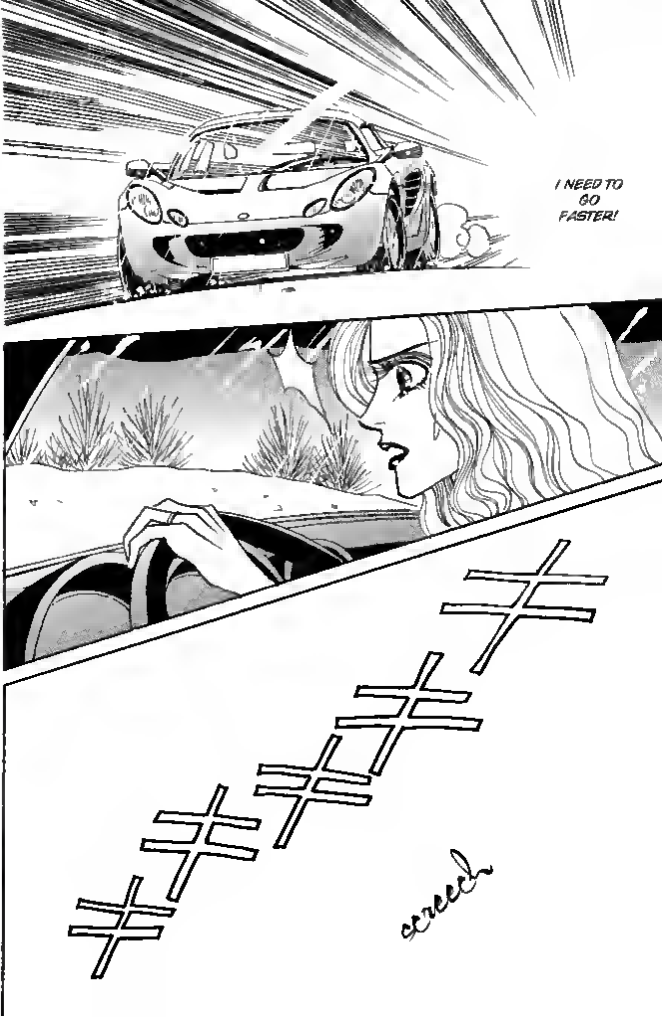
WHEN YOU ARE BANISHED FROM THE CASTLE, YOUR CHILD WILL BE KEPT AS HIS HEIR
YOU MIGHT ALSO BE ABLE TO VISIT HIM ONCE IN A WHILE.
!!
THE WILL ALSO SAID HE HAD TO GET HIS WIFE PREGNANT WITHIN A YEAR
JAVIER IS GOOD AT THIS
NO!
IT'S NOT TRUE!
I DIDN'T MARRY JAVIER BECAUSE I WAS TOO YOUNG
WE'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO MARRY IN A FEW YEARS

AND LUCITA KNEW ABOUT THE WILL...
HE DIDN'T TELL ME THAT...
DID JAVIER NOT USE PROTECTION ON PURPOSE?
HAVING A CHILD WAS PART OF THE WILL.
WHEN ONLY HIS LAWYER IS MEANT TO KNOW!

THIS CHILD
I NEED TO PROTECT THE CHILD


IT'S BEEN 6 MONTHS
IT WAS RAINING WHEN I FIRST CAME TO LION'S CASTLE
RAIN.
AND NOW I'M LEAVING THE CASTLE TO PROTECT MY UNBORN CHILD
I CAME TO SEE DUKE HERRERA TO SAVE MY FATHER.


HE'S CHASING ME!
THAT'S JAVIER'S CAR


I NEED TO GO FASTER!
screech

GRACE!

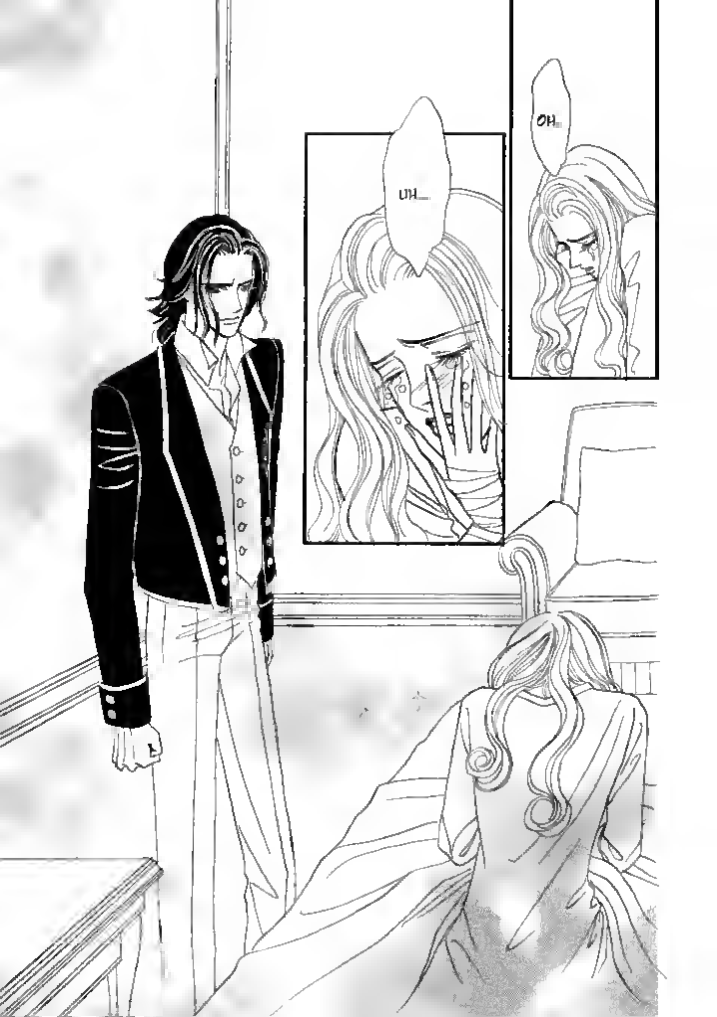
GRACE
OPEN YOUR EYES
WHO
ARE YOU?
YOU WERE IN AN ACCIDENT
YOU'RE ALRIGHT NOW
YOUR HUSBAND IS HERE

!!
THE BABY!
!!
I'M SORRY
YOU WERE IN THE EARLY STAGES BUT THERE WAS NOTHING WE COULD DO

THE TREE ACTED AS A CUSHION, SO YOU DIDN'T FALL IN THE VALLEY. YOU WERE LUCKY.
WE'LL LEAVE YOU TWO ALONE
I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE FUTURE
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY...
MY POOR BABY...

YOU WEREN'T GOING TO TELL ME ABOUT THE BABY?
LUCITA TOLD ME YOU PLANNED TO GET ME PREGNANT AND THEN TAKE MY BABY AWAY FROM ME.
THAT IT WAS PART OF YOUR GRAND-FATHER'S WILL.
THAT'S A LIE.
IT'S THE LIES OF A SPOILT LITTLE GIRL.
I'VE ALREADY SCOLDED LUCITA.
!!

I NEVER TOLD LUCITA
I SAW HER AS A SISTER
BUT MY GRANDFATHER AND LUCITA'S FATHER WERE FRIENDS.
SHE OVER HEARD THEM TALKING ABOUT THE WILL
BUT I GUESS SHE HAD A CRUSH ON ME
I DIDN'T TALK TO JAVIER,
DIDN'T GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN
I JUST BELIEVED LUCITA'S LIES!
I JUST DESTROYED THE SMALL HOPE I HAD...
THAT HE MAY LOVE ME BACK ONE DAY!
HOW COULD JAVIER FORGIVE ME?
AND I LOST OUR BABY.....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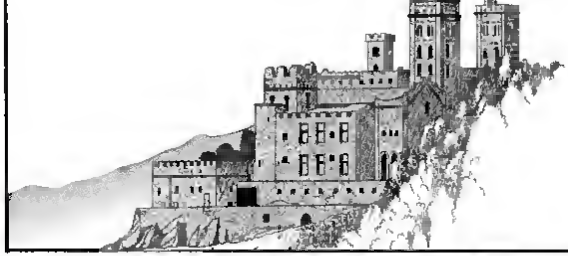

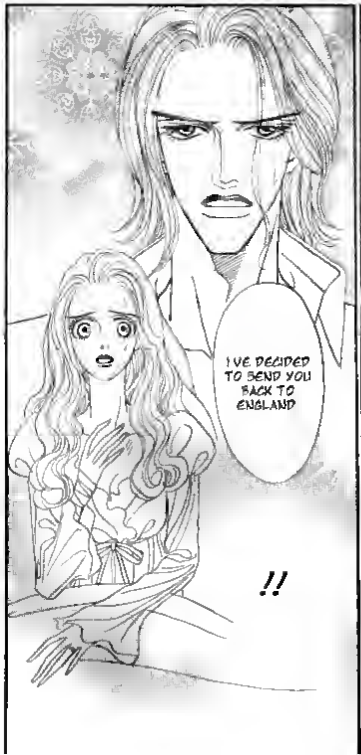
I'VE DECIDED TO SEND YOU BACK TO ENGLAND
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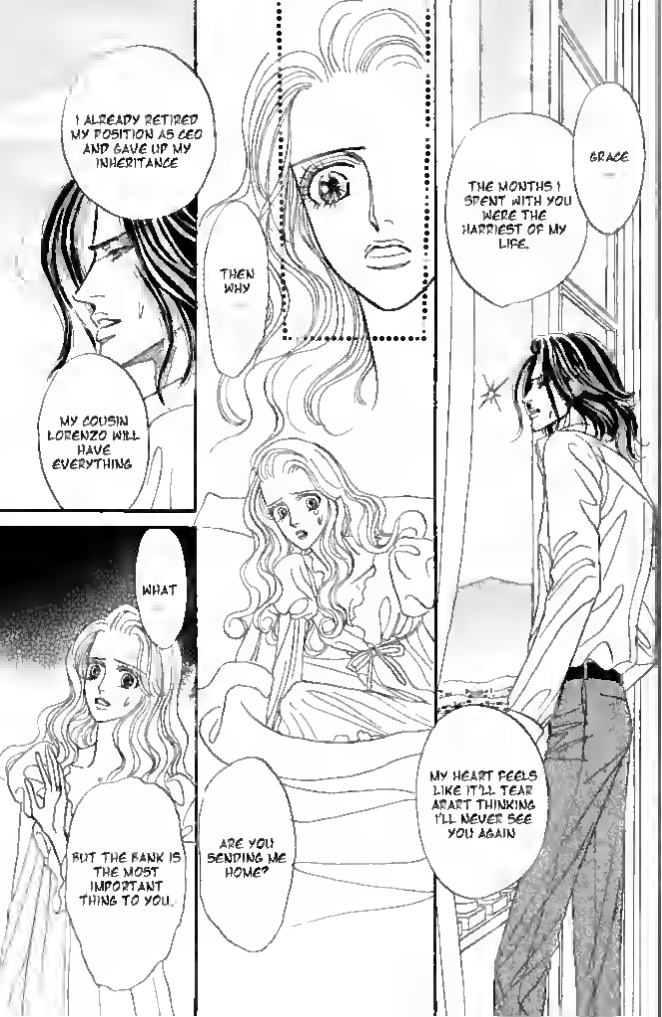
I CAN'T KEEP YOU AT THIS CASTLE ANY LONGER

YOU CHERISHED THE IDEA OF MARRIAGE
I KNOW HOW PAINFUL THAT WAS FOR YOU
BUT I MADE YOU GIVE FALSE VOWS

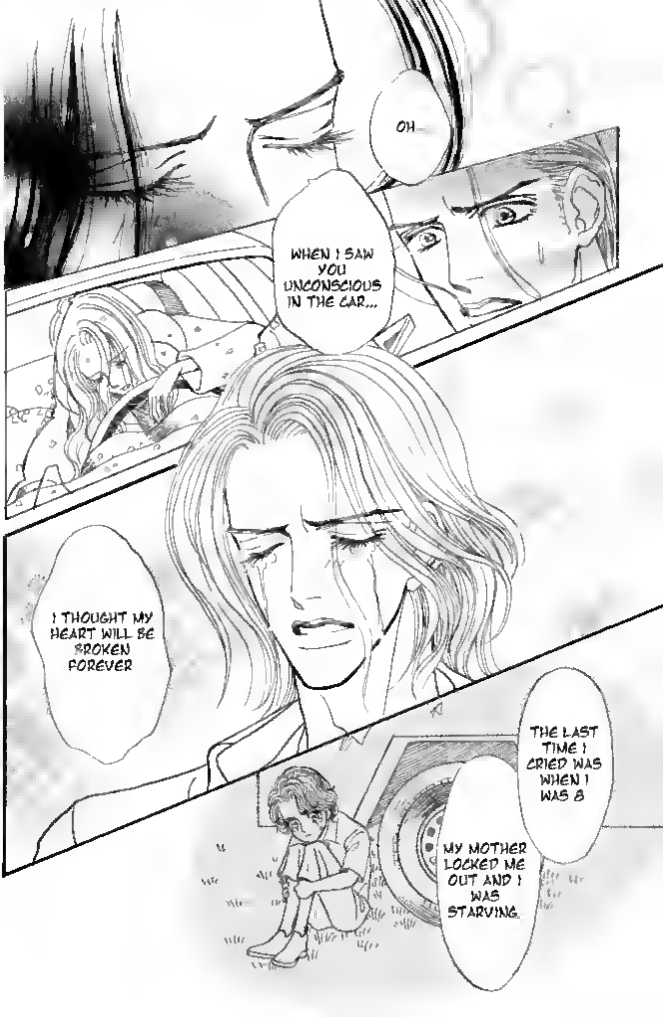

GRACE
THE MONTHS I SPENT WITH YOU WERE THE HAPPIEST OF MY LIFE.
MY HEART FEELS LIKE IT'LL TEAR APART THINKING I'LL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN
THEN WHY
I ALREADY RETIRED MY POSITION AS CEO AND GAVE UP MY INHERITANCE
MY COUSIN LORENZO WILL HAVE EVERYTHING
ARE YOU SENDING ME HOME?
WHAT
BUT THE BANK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO YOU.

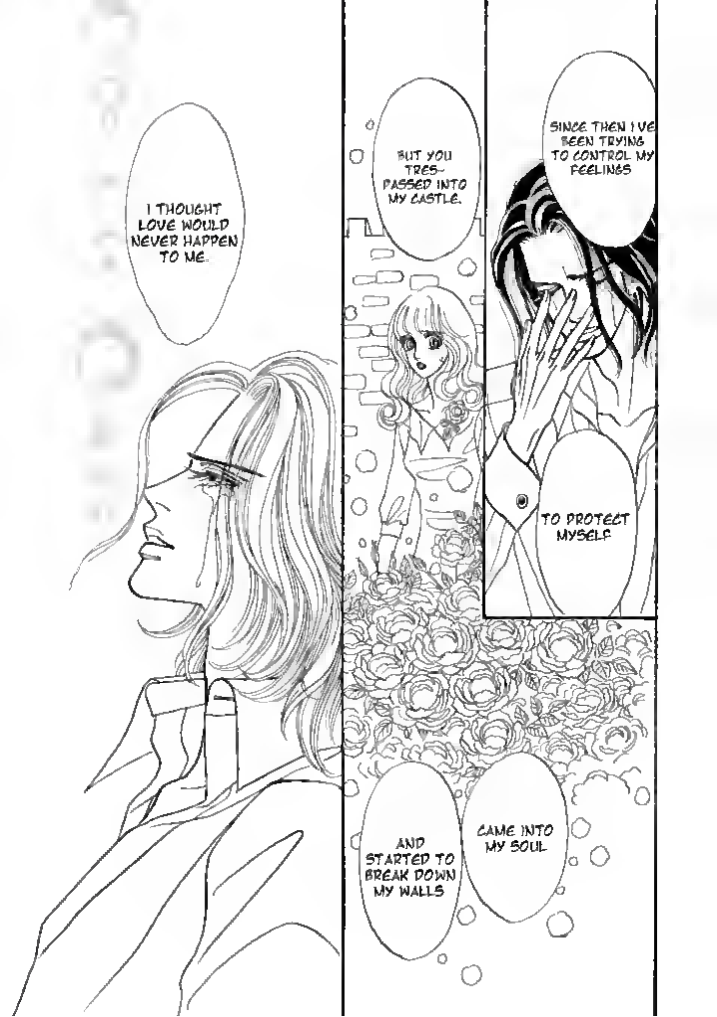
DO YOU WANT TO GET RID OF ME,
BECAUSE YOU CAN'T FORGIVE ME?
OF COURSE NOT!
BUT YOU THOUGHT I GOT YOU PREGNANT TO FULFILL THE CONDITION OF THE WILL.
I COULD NEVER BE SO CRUEL,
BUT YOU THOUGHT I WAS
!!
BUT I DON'T BLAME YOU. LOOKING BACK AT THE WAY I TREATED YOU
SO I GAVE UP MY INHERITANCE

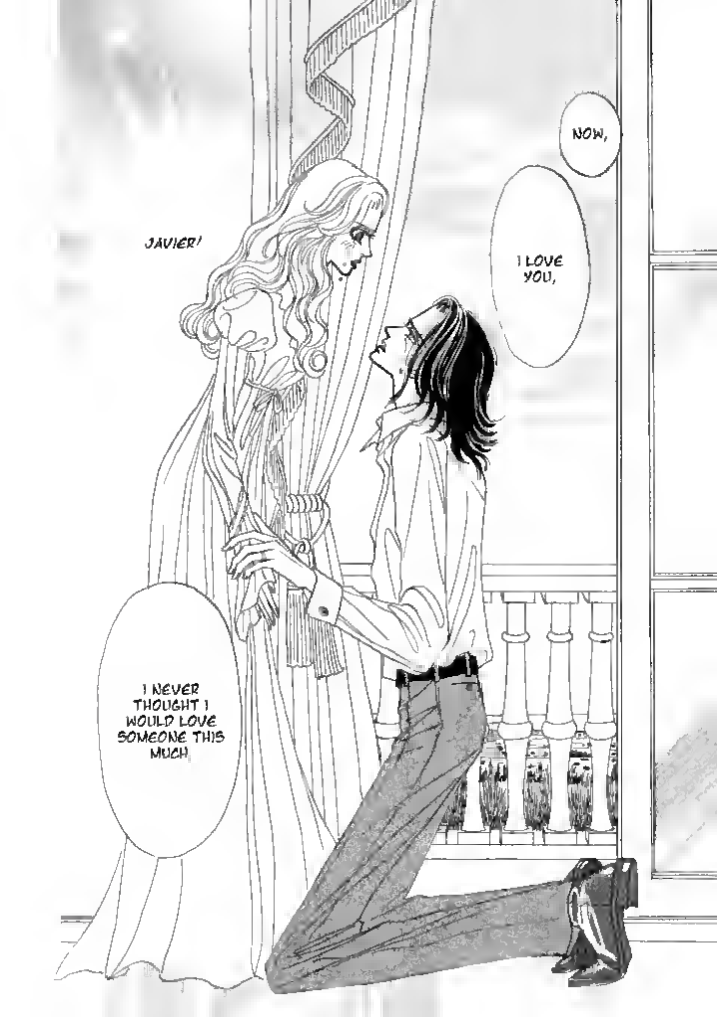
LET'S END THIS.
I'LL KEEP MY PROMISE NOT TO PROSECUTE
IF THE WOMAN I LOVED WAS SUFFERING LIKE YOUR MOTHER DID, I WOULD PROBABLY HAVE DONE THE SAME AS YOUR FATHER
PLEASE DON'T CRY GRACE.
I FORGIVE YOUR FATHER
FOR HURTING YOU
I HOPE YOU CAN FORGIVE ME SOMEDAY,TOO
HE UNDERSTANDS HOW MY FATHER FELT.

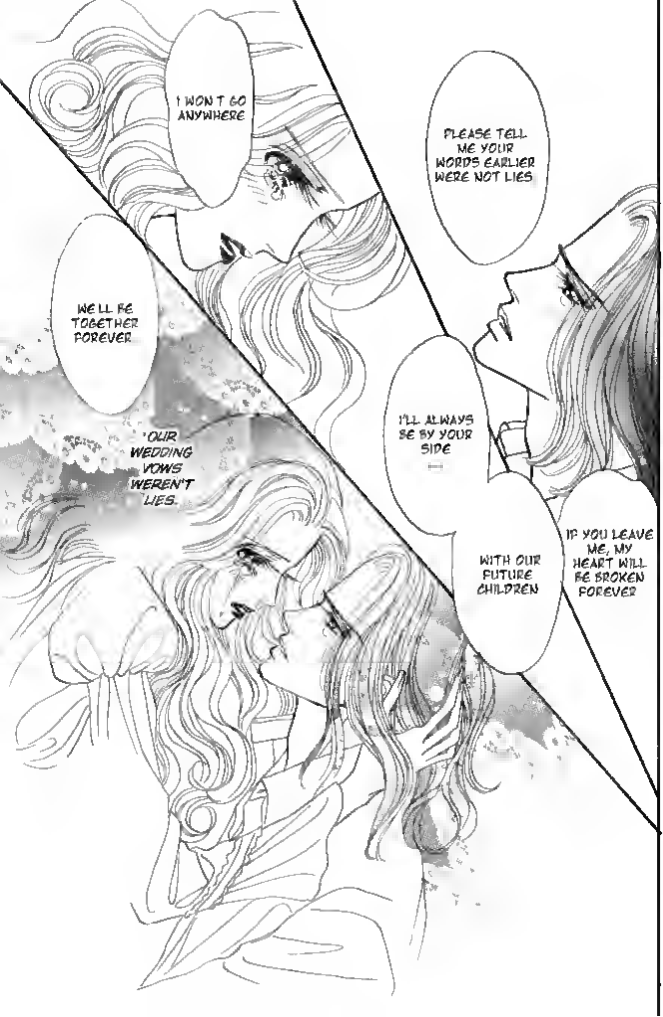
I ALWAYS THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME
BECAUSE MY MOTHER TOLD ME I DIDN'T DESERVE TO BE LOVED.
IT'S ALRIGHT THAT YOU NEVER LOVED ME.
YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T FROM THE START.
BUT I CAN NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN
IT'S MY FAULT BUT IT BREAKS MY HEART.
YOU ARE NOT A CALLOUS PERSON
YOU ARE SO FULL OF LOVE
YOU JUST HIDE YOUR FEELINGS BECAUSE OF YOUR UNHAPPY CHILDHOOD

YOU'RE JUST WAITING FOR A WOMAN WHO HAS THE KEY TO YOUR HEART
I WANTED TO BE THAT WOMAN.
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.


OH...
WHEN I SAW YOU UNCONSCIOUS IN THE CAR...
I THOUGHT MY HEART WILL BE BROKEN FOREVER
THE LAST TIME I CRIED WAS WHEN I WAS 8
MY MOTHER LOCKED ME OUT AND I WAS STARVING.


I THOUGHT LOVE WOULD NEVER HAPPEN TO ME.
BUT YOU TRES-PASSED INTO MY CASTLE.
SINCE THEN I'VE BEEN TRYING TO CONTROL MY FEELINGS
TO PROTECT MYSELF
CAME INTO MY SOUL
AND STARTED TO BREAK DOWN MY WALLS


JAVIER!
I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD LOVE SOMEONE THIS MUCH
I LOVE YOU,
NOW,


I WON'T GO ANYWHERE
PLEASE TELL ME YOUR WORDS EARLIER WERE NOT LIES
WE'LL BE TOGETHER FOREVER
I'LL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE
OUR WEDDING VOWS WEREN'T LIES.
WITH OUR FUTURE CHILDREN
IF YOU LEAVE ME, MY HEART WILL BE BROKEN FOREVER

TO SHOW MY LOVE FOR YOU
I'LL PICK ROSES FOR YOU FOREVER
THEN YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF ME
BUT YOU'LL GET HURT

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